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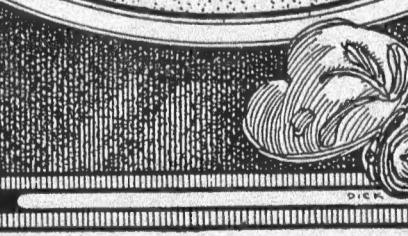
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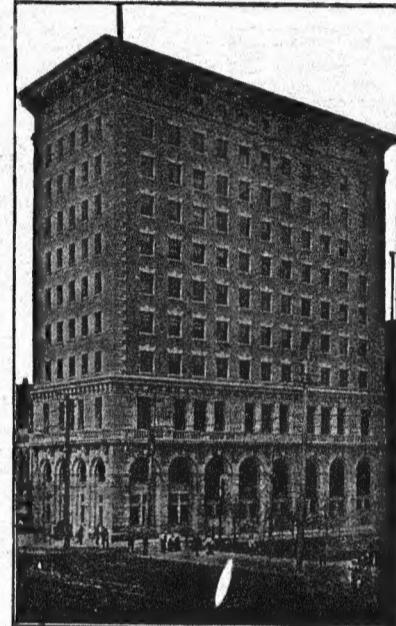
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## CANADA'S NEW PREMIER

The rise of Robert Laird Borden to the Premiership of Canada after but fifteen years of public life is, perhaps, the most remarkable episode in the political history of Canada. In 1896, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier attained power, Mr. Borden was quite unknown outside the province of Nova Scotia. A comparatively young man of forty-two, he had contested the city of Halifax with success in the same election that brought defeat to his party. Although still in early middle life, he had built up for himself a practice at the bar of Nova Scotia averaging, it is said, \$20,000 a year. When, in the autumn of 1900, Sir Charles Tupper was beaten at the polls for a second time, it became obvious that another leader for the Conservative party must be found. Sir Charles, probably the shrewdest politician who has ever figured in Canadian public life, was himself the first to admit it and selected Mr. Borden as his successor. It took the courage of conviction for the veteran statesman to induce the Conservatives to accept as leader a newcomer from a province in which the party had been hopelessly vanquished, but such was the respect of the rank and file of the party for the views of Sir Charles that he attained his end. From the outset, Mr. Borden has had no bed of roses. While steadily gaining the respect of the country, and especially of the independent voter, he has had to face attacks within his own household from over-ambitious politicians who imagined that they could steer the party over the shoals into the harbor of office more skilfully than he. With tact, forbearance and withal with firmness, he has quelled mutiny and at the same time left no ranking sores. This was shown in the fact that in the recent campaign every follower was up in the firing line. There was no straggler or malcontent. Mr. Borden, born in 1854, is within a year or two of the same age of Laurier when he became premier. He is a most cultured man and speaks French in a conversational though not in an oratorical way. He has also delighted German voters by quoting Schiller and Goethe to them in the original tongue.

To those who have forgotten their Canadian history it may be interesting to read the names of the prime ministers of Canada since confederation. Sir John A. Macdonald served two periods in that capacity. First of all in the six years from 1867 to 1873 and again from 1878 to 1891. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, whom it is hardly necessary to tell the reader was a Liberal, served from 1873 to 1878. After the death of Sir John A. Macdonald in June, 1891, there was a succession of short-lived Conservative ministries. That of Sir John Abbott lasted from June, 1891, to December, 1892, when he died in office. That of Sir John Thompson lasted exactly two years. He died suddenly after an investiture by the late Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle, in England, on December 12, 1894. His successor, Sir

Mackenzie Bowell, controlled the destinies of Canada until the end of April, 1896, when, owing to disagreements in the party ranks, Sir Charles Tupper came from England to take his place. The latter's ministry lasted a little less than two months, and he was defeated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on June 26, 1896. —Toronto Saturday Night.

## CO-OPERATION AND EDUCATION

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2. What do you consider to be the causes of unemployment and what remedies do you suggest?
3. What is the difference between co-operation and socialism? Which will do most for the working classes, and why?
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# News from Ottawa

By The Guide Special Correspondent

Ottawa, October 6—At three o'clock this afternoon the Laurier administration which came into office on July 11, 1896, gave up the ghost. The cabinet council met for the last time at eleven a.m., and it was 1.30 when the doors were thrown open and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, surrounded by several of his ministers, came down the corridor. Sir Wilfrid greeted a group of press correspondents in his usual pleasant way. "I suppose you are looking for news," he said. "Well, gentlemen, I will see His Excellency at three o'clock." That was all he said but the correspondents knew it meant that within two hours the Laurier administration would be no more. After luncheon Sir Wilfrid drove down to Rideau Hall and informed His Excellency Earl Grey that he was ready to step down and out. The Governor-General acquiesced and soon after the ex-premier's departure sent for Mr. R. L. Borden and asked him to form a ministry.

## Changes Were Many

Of the seventeen members of the Laurier "cabinet of the talents" which took office over fifteen years ago, five, in addition to the ex-premier, continued members of the government till the end. They were Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. W. S. Paterson and Hon. Sydney Fisher. The eleven who withdrew, either through resignation or acceptance of office, were: Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Richard Scott, Sir Louis Davies, Sir William Mulock, Hon. Andrew G. Blair, Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Hon. C. A. Geoffrion and Hon. R. R. Dobell. During the Laurier regime there were two secretaries of state, four ministers of justice, five ministers of marine and fisheries, four postmasters general, four ministers of public works, three ministers of railways, and four solicitors-general. The government served under three governors-general, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Earl of Minto and Earl Grey. Curiously enough the defeat of the former Liberal administration in 1878 coincided with the arrival of the Marquis of Lorne in Canada while the Laurier government went out of power on the eve of the arrival of royalty in Canada in the person of the Duke of Connaught.

## By-Elections

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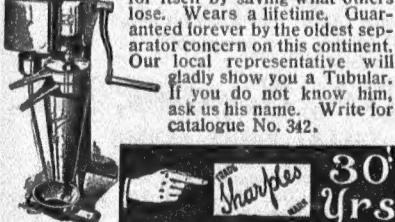
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re-election. Those who are not members elect will have to seek new constituencies and unless the member elect is disposed of by being given a government post, will have to wait some time because members may resign only to the speaker of the commons and that official cannot be named until the house meets. There is no time specified by the act in which a by-election shall be held, save that eight days must elapse before the posting of the proclamation by the returning officer and the nominations. There is not likely to be opposition to the new ministers.

## Fielding to Remain

The announcement that Hon. W. S. Fielding, the defeated minister of finance, will have a seat in the house has been well received. Mr. B. B. Law, who was elected Liberal member for Yarmouth, N.S., by a large majority, has offered his seat to Mr. Fielding who will probably accept it. The Ottawa Journal (Conservative) suggests that Mr. Fielding should not be opposed and by way of comment says: "Mr. Fielding, who, like Sir Wilfrid, is a man of stainless honor, who has long been generally recognized as the unnamed, but none the less certain successor to the leadership when the present chief passes off the scene, has a work to do in Parliament, and the entire house, irrespective of party, would welcome his presence. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Graham are very much needed in the coming house."

## Civil Service Changes

When the Liberals won in 1896 the expectations of hundreds of party office seekers who had been without prospect of government berths for many years rose at once. But the majority were doomed to disappointment. Dismissals from the service were comparatively few and its natural growth fell short of suppling jobs for all who wanted them. The first batch of disgruntled Liberals were those who failed to get some of the good things for themselves and their relatives. History will now repeat itself. Strong pressure will be brought on the Borden government to make a clean sweep. It is believed, however, that he will follow the example set by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and that nothing will induce him to treat unjustly any member of the government service simply to give some faithful party worker a place. The new civil service act protects all members of the inside service, below the rank of a deputy minister, who have attended strictly to business and not taken any part in politics. But there still remains the large outside service and a considerable number of higher officials and members of government commissions who would have no choice but to get out if they were told that their services were no longer required.

## Officials Wondering

A small number of the latter propose to quit anyway, now that their Liberal friends are out of office. Hon. S. N. Parent, a former Liberal Premier of Quebec, who is chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, has announced that he will resign at an early date. Mr. C. A. Young, the Manitoba member of the commission, has also intimated his intention of dropping out. The two other members, C. F. McIsaac, formerly Liberal representative of Antigonish, N.S., and W. S. Calvert, for several years chief government whip in the house of commons, say they propose to stick to their posts. If they are not dismissed by the new government the two political parties will have equal representation on the commission, which might be the best thing in the interests of the public. It has been suggested that the members of the Canadian section of the International waterways commission will be removed. They are Sir Geo. E. Gibbon, chairman, London, Ont.; Hon. A. P. Barnhill, New Brunswick; and Aime Geoffrion, Montreal. It is doubtful if any good reason could be found for the dismissal of these men other than a desire to have them replaced by Conservatives, and Mr. Borden is not likely to consent to any such application of the spoils system. More heads are likely to fall into the basket in the west than anywhere else because of the belief that many of the officials of the

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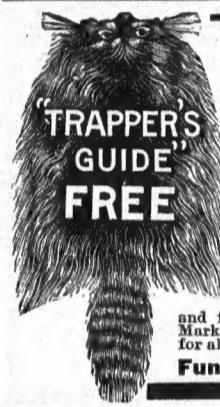
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## THE CEMENT MERGER

Sir Max Aitken, member of parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne, England, addressed his constituents on September 16 at a political demonstration held at the Zoological Gardens, Manchester, and discussed with them the Canadian Cement Merger, of which he was the chief promoter. Sir Max has been somewhat severely criticized by the English press, and particularly by the London Daily News, on account of his operations in the financial world of Canada, which, to put it mildly, are not in accordance with the English idea of business ethics. The Daily News had merely quoted the statements of Sir Sandford Fleming and of a number of Canadian newspapers, yet for so doing, Sir Max dubbed that excellent and very reliable paper "the chief journal of fiction now published in all England." He had seen in that journal, Sir Max said, that he bought cement plants for \$17,000,000 and subsequently sold them to the Canada Cement Co. for \$29,000,000, and made a profit of \$12,000,000. Secondly, it was stated that he was responsible for an advance in the price of cement in Canada, variously estimated by "that journal of fiction" at from 50 cents to one dollar a barrel. Those statements, he declared, were false. He was chairman of the company which sold various cement plants to the Canada Cement Co., and his profits, he declared, amounted to not one-fortieth of the amount stated. As to his responsibility for raising the price of cement in Canada, Sir Max Aitken said he was not a director of the Canada Cement Co., and as a matter of fact the price of cement had been lower since the Canada Cement Co. was formed than it was before. Previous to the formation of the so-called combine, in 1908, he said, cement was \$1.39 a barrel in Canada, in 1910 it was \$1.34, and this year, at Montreal, it was only \$1.30.

The Daily News, in commenting on Sir Max Aitken's statement, quotes as its authorities, Sir Sandford Fleming, formerly honorary president of the Canada Cement Co., and The Grain Growers' Guide. As to the amounts paid and received respectively by the Bond and Share Co., of which Sir Max Aitken admits he was chairman, for the cement plants acquired by the Canada Cement Co., we think Sir Sandford Fleming and the balance sheet of the Canada Cement Co. are sufficient authority. In the balance sheet presented to the board of directors of the company on March 10, 1910, was the following item: "Cost of properties at dates of acquisition, together with additions to December 31st, 1909, \$27,134,786.02," and in a letter written by Sir Sandford Fleming to the vice-president of the company on the following day, Sir Sandford said:

"In my letter of March 5th I pointed out to you, what I had only then discovered, that an organization known as the Bond and Share Company had received from the Cement Company securities to be accounted for, having a face value of \$27,228,000. Eleven of the twelve properties mentioned in the prospectus have been acquired by the company, and the actual amount paid to the original owners thereof, amount in the aggregate to about \$14,629,000. Such being the case, it appears that the capital over-issued to the Bond and Share Company now stands at between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000."

As to whether or not the price of cement has been increased by the combine which Sir Max Aitken formed, we need only instance the prices paid by the city of Winnipeg, one of the largest users of cement in Canada. The merger was effected in September, 1909. Two months previously, on July 8, 1909, the city of Winnipeg purchased 25,000 barrels of cement at 50.57 cents per 100 pounds. The next time the city called

for tenders for cement was in February, 1910, five months after the merger was formed, and it received three bids, all from agents of the Canada Cement Co., and the lowest price was 64.06 cents per 100 pounds. In the following June 30,000 additional barrels were purchased, the tenders again being by different agents of the Canada Cement Co., and the lowest price quoted being 64.02 cents per 100 pounds. Thus between the price prior to the merger, of 50.57 cents per 100 pounds, and the price charged by the merger within a year of its formation there is a difference of 13½ cents per 100 pounds, which works out at 47 cents a barrel. These prices are a matter of official record, and their accuracy cannot be denied. In order to show that the price of cement had not been increased, Sir Max Aitken went back to a period when the production of cement in Canada was not equal to the demand, and when the manufacturers of that commodity were able to charge high prices in consequence. We have taken the price immediately before and immediately after the formation of the merger, when the conditions of production and consumption were both unchanged, and these show, as we have stated, an increase in the case of the purchases of the city of Winnipeg of 47 cents per barrel.

Sir Max will have some difficulty in convincing the British public that his cement deal was of a character to inspire confidence. Old England will hardly approve of such a transaction when the facts become generally known.

## PROTECTION AND MORALS

One of the evils of Protectionism is its corrupting influence upon the morals of the people. Protection makes people dishonest; it stimulates selfishness and greed; it is responsible for the corruption of public life and it causes antagonism and strife between countries whose relations should be friendly and harmonious.

The protective system creates a class whose interests are essentially different from those of the people at large. It gives a few men the opportunity to practice extortion upon their fellows and to make bigger profits by gaining influence with governments and inducing them to raise the tariff. Such people are ready contributors to campaign funds which are used, often in corrupt ways, to keep in power a government which will do their bidding or to defeat a government which refuses to do so. It makes money a mighty power in politics, and leads to the corruption of governments and legislators by its beneficiaries. Protective tariffs are responsible for the oppression and extortion practised by trusts and combines. They encourage the formation of monopolies which foist inferior goods upon the people and charge extortionate prices for them. Two workmen were killed in Winnipeg recently by the fall of a concrete roof which experts declared was due to the inferior quality of cement supplied by the tariff protected cement merger. At the present time medical journals all over the United States are blaming the wool duties for a large amount of disease and death resulting from the lack of warm underclothing among the poorer people. The wool trust, they state, has cheapened the quality of its product, while at the same time maintaining prices at the highest level ever known, and many poor women and children are in consequence unable to obtain proper clothing, and the spread of disease results. The Canadian customs tariff oppresses the poor. There is no duty on diamonds, but woollen clothing, which is necessary to keep the working man and his family from freezing, is taxed 35 per cent; valuable

oil paintings are admitted free but there is a duty of 60 cents a barrel on flour, which as a result, costs more within a stone's throw of the mill where it is produced than it does in Free Trade England, 4,000 miles away.

The protective theory implies the opposition of national interests. It holds that one nation can only gain by the loss of others. It stimulates enmity and strife between the people of different countries. It says that trade between people living on opposite sides of an international boundary line is bad because "the foreigner" will get a share of the benefits of such trade. Free trade on the other hand recognizes the fact, that is taught by religion and experience alike, that the highest good of all is to be sought in the good of others, and that the true interests of men are harmonious not antagonistic, that prosperity is the daughter of good will and peace.

Then think of the fraud and deception that are practiced in the evasion of the customs laws, not only by professional smugglers but also by the most refined and conscientious of women. Corruption, evasion and false swearing are inseparable from tariffs. "Can that be good," asks Henry George, "of which these are the fruits? A system which requires such spying and searching, such invoking of the Almighty to witness the contents of every box, bundle and package—a system which always has provoked, and in the nature of man always must provoke, corruption and fraud—can it be necessary to the prosperity and progress of mankind?" We think not.

## ANSWER, SIR MELVIN

Sir L. Melvin Jones, president of the Massey-Harris Co., and a member of the Canadian Senate, is at present in the West on a business trip in the interests of his company. Sir Melvin was in Winnipeg on October 4, and on the following day the Winnipeg Telegram printed the appended account of an interview with him:

"Business is poor this year on account of the continued wet weather," said Mr. Jones. "I am inclined to believe it is the worst year we have had for several years."

"With us it is a case of hard times whenever the farmers have hard times."

"There are thousands of acres of wheat not yet cut in the West, not to mention the immense amount of grain lying on the ground."

"I am going West now to confer with the district managers as to how we will meet the situation."

"Senator Jones said that the business of the Massey-Harris company was yearly extending into new fields, and was gaining ground on all sides. The firm have branches now in almost every country on the globe. He was glad to see reciprocity defeated, believing that a high tariff policy is the best for both countries. Outside of that Senator Jones had nothing to say concerning politics, as he is taken up to such an extent with the business affairs of his company that he has little time left to devote to politics."

It will be observed that Sir Melvin Jones says that "With us (that is, the Massey-Harris Co.) it is a case of hard times whenever the farmers have hard times." We are glad that in this we can agree with the president of the Massey-Harris Co. It is unquestionably true that when the farmers of this country experience hard times, the manufacturers, and in fact every class in Canada, suffer with them. It is also equally true that when the farmers enjoy good times every class shares in their prosperity, and it should be observed that while good times for the farmer bring good times for the manufacturer, good times for the manufacturer do not necessarily bring good times for the farmer. The manufacturers' good times are the result, not the cause, of the farmers' prosperity. When crops are large and prices good the farmers are not only able to meet their obligations promptly, but they are able to purchase more machinery, erect new

buildings, provide more home comforts for their families, employ more help, acquire more land and extend their farming operations. All this makes business for the transportation companies, for the merchants and for the manufacturers, and the whole country benefits. It is in the interest of the whole country, therefore, that no unnecessary burden should be placed upon the backs of the farmers, that they should be freed from all handicaps, and be given every opportunity to raise their crops with the least possible expense, and to sell them in the best markets without paying unnecessary toll to anyone. At present the farmers of Canada are handicapped by many unnecessary burdens, among which some of the chief are the tariff, high freight rates and the exclusion of their products from the markets of the United States. The tariff makes agricultural implements, cement, lumber, clothing and almost everything else that the farmer buys, unnecessarily dear. High freight rates also contribute to the cost of these necessities of the farmers' industry and in addition decrease the returns which they get from their crops. The exclusion of Canadian farm products from the United States markets, which might have been removed by reciprocity, still further reduces the price which the farmers might obtain for their crops. If these burdens, which hang as a millstone about the necks of Canadian farmers, were removed, the hard times which come with unfavorable weather and bad crops would fall less heavily upon them and consequently would not be so keenly felt by the country generally. It is a pity that Sir Melvin Jones, and the other manufacturers and financiers who seem at present to be able to dictate the policy of this country, do not realize this.

In asking that they be given freedom to buy and sell where they can do so to the best advantage, the farmers do not ask that any injustice be done to anyone else. They have no animosity toward the manufacturers, but merely desire that they be not given the protection of the tariff when they use it in order that they may charge excessive prices. As the interview quoted above states, the Massey-Harris Co. has branches in almost every country on the globe. In Great Britain, in Germany, in Russia, in Australia, in the Argentine and in all other countries where Massey-Harris implements are used, they are sold in competition with the manufacturers of the whole world, and the fact that the business of the company is "yearly extending into new fields" is sufficient evidence that this business is profitable to the company. Then why cannot the Massey-Harris Co. compete with their rivals of the United States on equal terms in Canada? No good answer to this question has ever been given, and we challenge Sir Melvin Jones to give an answer while he is in the West, or any other time. Here is an opportunity for Sir Melvin Jones to show the Western farmers what benefit they are deriving from protection.

#### BUSINESS EFFICIENCY

Success in any line of business requires constant study and watching in order to see that satisfactory results are being secured upon investments of all kinds. This is particularly true in cities, where competition is very keen and commerce is almost a war. No business that is conducted carelessly can exist long in this age, and even many very brilliant business men find it hard to hold their own. Small and large business firms in the cities of Canada are continually going to the wall. Not a week goes by but some large business failure is recorded. There is a great deal heard about the successful men of commerce, but little note is taken of those who go under. Nevertheless the business life of the nation is one continual struggle for efficiency. "Efficiency" is the watchword in commercial life and should be on the farm.

If farming is to come to its own, as the most important occupation of the nation, then farmers must devote more time to working for efficiency. The farmer who uses his brains to plan his business is the one who reaps success, all other things being equal. Every investment in money or labor upon the farm should be scrutinized as to results. Farming should be conducted on strict business lines. The purchasing of seed, machinery and supplies, affords an opportunity for heavy loss if not properly watched. The preparation of land for seeding at the right time means a great difference in the crops that will be harvested. The selection of certain lands for certain crops also means considerable in returns. In the case of his machinery and farm implements the farmer can very easily throw away a goodly sum of money. He can leave them where the winter snows and the summer sun will break them down more rapidly than their actual use. The selection of cattle and horses affords an excellent opportunity for business judgment, and the convenience of farm buildings means considerable loss or gain on the year's business. The comfort and convenience of the home has a tremendous effect upon the success or failure of the farming business. The wife is more closely associated with the success or failure of the business of farming than of any other business, and should be given every consideration. The selling end of the farmer's business is the place where dollars and cents count in a very tangible way. Unless this end of the business is conducted efficiently the very best results of production will be very greatly discounted. The only way by which any farmer can tell the results of the different branches of his business is by keeping books. He may find that his business has been profitable, or otherwise, but he cannot tell just where his profits came from or went to. The matter of farm bookkeeping is not a complicated affair. It should be a part of every farmer's business. By that means he has records from year to year and can profit by his former experience. Better farming and better business must go hand in hand for the proper advancement and improvement of rural conditions.

#### THE COMING OF THE DUKE

Before another week Earl Grey will have bid Canada farewell and the Duke of Connaught will be installed in Rideau Hall as governor-general. Earl Grey has been one of the most popular representatives of the king who have ever held office in Canada. He has taken an active interest in the progress of the nation and has steered a pretty safe course through the political sea. As an entertainer, Earl Grey has been particularly popular. Though governors-general of Canada have no power they have considerable influence, and may use it wisely or not. Let us hope that the Duke of Connaught, brother of the late King Edward and uncle of King George, will exercise during the next two years that wisdom and tact for which he is given credit. It is greatly to be feared that Ottawa will become the centre of snobbery with royalty in Rideau Hall. There is no need of any flattery or nonsensical snobbishness on the part of the Canadian people. While we all have the utmost respect for our new governor-general, let us not forget that no man in the world holds so high a position that he is not honored by being governor-general of Canada. But the duke has said he does not want any of this flummery that is being talked. He says that what has been good enough for our governors-general in the past is good enough for him. This sentiment marks him as a man of good sense and discretion. What we want in Canada is a governor-general for all the people and not for the wealthy few who secure their money through Special Privilege and spend it in apeing royalty. Let us hope that the future will not record any mistake in sending the king's uncle to Canada. Let us bid him a hearty welcome and trust that he will fulfil his duties in a business-like manner that will

win for him the approval of all the people. Also let us bid Earl Grey farewell and extend to him good wishes wherever his future duties may call him.

The press tells us daily of some great feats performed by men in some kind of a flying machine. The genius of man has conquered the air and now he can soar back and forth in the clouds with the speed of the bird. The advance in the science of aviation has cost many lives and no doubt many another good man will go to his death before aerial navigation is considered safe. The airships heavier than air that are in use now are of little or no value for other than military or scientific purposes. They have not yet demonstrated their practicability for passenger or express service. But it cannot be doubted that aviation will continue to advance until it has become one of the triumphs of the age.

If some millionaire philanthropist were to undertake to pay all the taxes of the city of Winnipeg, who would benefit? A taxless city would be such an attractive place to live in that people would flock there from all over the world, business would become more profitable as a result of the larger number of customers to be supplied, and the city would boom amazingly. And then—the landlords would raise the rent, the philanthropist's millions would flow into their pockets, and everyone else would be just as poor as before.

There will probably be another election within two years in order that the Parliament of Canada may represent the people after redistribution. If there is any big issue before the country let us hope that Mr. Borden will put it to a real Referendum at the same time that the general election is held.

Direct Legislation is growing in popularity every day in the United States. As it becomes better understood it also becomes more popular in Canada. With the progress of the times more power must be given into the hands of the people.

The Referendum is badly needed for the proper settlement of national questions. But it must be preceded by the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum in each of the provinces. Let the Prairie Provinces lead the way in this most democratic reform.

Toronto city missionaries have reported that "Suffering, disease and distress are simply appalling in Toronto." Yet Toronto is the home of many millionaires. It is to build up cities like Toronto that protective tariffs are designed.

Farmers should be careful not to thresh their grain until it is in shape. It may make a difference in grade. A great deal of grain will sell for a lower figure this fall on this account.

Fully one-third of the members who left Ottawa in July with their breasts filled with hope have been left at home in the avalanche.

Premier Borden is a man with a clean record who has never broken a promise. We hope he will maintain his good record.

Weather like the present will increase the flow of grain to the world's markets and the return of the cash to the farmers pockets.

On September 30, at Winnipeg, No. 1 Nor. wheat sold at \$1.00; at Minneapolis it sold at \$1.08 1/4.

Mr. Borden's cabinet is now complete and the business of the country will go ahead as usual.

Let every man lend a hand to spread The Guide and The Guide will reciprocate.

# Imperative Need of Direct Legislation

By Hon. JOHN F. SHAFORTH

In the Twentieth Century

There can be no doubt that at the present time there is something seriously wrong as to the manner in which our legislative bodies are constituted. There is a powerful influence exerted upon many legislators and members of city councils after elections, which makes them not only ignore the principles to which they pledged themselves but in many instances wilfully and deliberately vote against their pledges. This influence further induces them to vote against all measures which have a tendency to place the government nearer to the people. The corporate interests are solidly against such measures and use every effort to defeat same. It is this condition of affairs which has caused the citizens to believe that many of the men delegated with power to enact laws, or ordinances, are often improperly influenced to cast their votes against measures which are in the interest of the people. Such improper influences may not always come in the form of a bribe in money, or a position with a salary, but often it is in the form of some advantage to be derived by such votes.

#### Times Have Changed

In the early history of our Republic, when combinations of capital were not thought of, those who were elected to represent their constituency could be relied upon to enact measures in the interest of the people. But since tremendous capital has become the owner of enormous enterprises, the influence of the officers and agents of such corporations by reason of the ramification of these industries, in many communities produces such powerful effects that their active opposition to measures, in a legislature or city council, almost insures the defeat of same. During the session of a legislature the lobbyists of many of these corporations swarm the corridors and committee rooms of the capitol, exerting all their powers by legitimate or illegitimate means, to defeat such measures.

#### Lincoln's Prophesy

It seems that the time has nearly arrived which was so unerringly prophesied by Abraham Lincoln when he wrote on November 21, 1864, to his friend, Wm. S. Elkins, as follows:

"Yes, we may all congratulate ourselves that this cruel war is nearing its close. It has cost a vast amount of treasure and blood. The best blood of the flower of the American youth has been freely offered upon our country's altar that the nation may live. It has been indeed a trying hour for the Republic, but I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless."

No matter what may be the cause it is certain that a most appalling condition exists in most of the states in the Union with respect to the passage of measures in behalf of the masses. Representative government is good only when it represents the will of the people. When it represents those who seek Special Privileges or advantages, it is time some measures should be enacted to compel legislators and members of councils to respond to the will of those who elected them to office.

#### Tools of Democracy

The two most important measures that have been devised to compel true representative government, in states and cities, are the Initiative and Referendum laws. The principles upon which they are founded are those which find expression in the declaration of Independence in the statement that the "just powers of government are derived from the governed."

The Initiative law is that which gives

to the people the right by petition to compel the submission of proposed ordinances and laws to the voters of a city state, and make them effective by a majority vote. The law in Colorado provides that citizens to the number of eight per cent. of the vote cast at the last preceding general election may sign and file, in the office of the secretary of state four months before general election, a petition for the passage of any law, setting forth in full the proposed law. Thereupon the secretary of state shall publish the proposed law, with notice that the question of its adoption will be submitted at the next general election, to the voters who shall by a short designation printed on the ballot, vote for or against the same. If the law is approved by the majority of votes cast, the measure becomes a law of the state. As it is laborious and expensive to procure the signatures of the requisite number of voters to the petition, the legislature is always appealed to first to enact the measure.

#### Cannot Corrupt a People

Under our form of government all laws are supposed to represent the will of the majority. Then by what line of reasoning can people object to the will

it is impossible to corrupt the majority of an entire city or state. Even if this could be done they would find that it would be too expensive and consequently would not be undertaken.

#### Public is Intelligent

Under the Initiative the appeal in behalf of measures must be to the reason and not to selfish motives, and hence is a great educator of the people. Experience demonstrates that the electors do vote on measures submitted and that they vote intelligently upon the same. For instance, in the state of Oregon the vote in 1904 upon the direct primary law, with direct election of United States senators, received 56,205 in favor to 16,354 votes in opposition; upon the local option law in said state 43,316 votes were in favor to 40,198 votes against the measure. In 1908 in the same state, the recall power on public officials was adopted by a vote of 58,381 to 31,002 and the Corrupt Practices Act, governing elections, at the same election was adopted by a vote of 54,042 to 31,301. When it is considered that the total vote in Oregon in 1904 was 85,595 and in 1908, 110,590, it can readily be seen that great interest was taken by the people in the measure submitted by the Initiative

injustice to the people. When such action occurs, people denounce it, cry out against the shame, and sometimes threaten with the halter the men who are guilty of the betrayal of the public trust, but this can do no good under the present system. The law still remains; the summary execution of the guilty parties would be criminal acts themselves and would not be tolerated, but the guilty parties are permitted to remain in office, wielding such power as they may possess by virtue of their position, in influencing the votes to maintain them or their party in office. By the time the next general election is held, many other issues have grown up and it becomes almost impossible to concentrate the odium of the passage of such outrageous measures upon the candidates responsible therefor.

#### Power and the People

The sanctity of the vote of the majority of the people upon the approval or rejection of a legislative act is always satisfactory when the election is fair. The principle of the Referendum is not radical. In almost every state in the union for a century it has been the practice to refer many questions to the people. The question of the adoption of amendments to the constitution; the local option law; the issuance of bonded indebtedness; many local laws have been submitted to the people of a state or locality with most gratifying results.

Under the Initiative and Referendum the legislator no longer becomes the important personage, upon whose vote mighty questions are determined, and, consequently, the great corporate interests by direction or indirection will seek to influence his vote. The mighty power then is transferred to the people and the great interests must present measures which the people believe are right in order to get them ratified by the Referendum vote.

#### Oregon Leads

There are provisions in most of the constitutions of the states of the union which throw restrictions upon the actions of the legislative bodies in order to prevent the passage of laws contrary to the wishes of the people. The courts of our land have generally construed strictly those constitutional provisions, even when the law enacted is a good measure. The tendency of the courts upon constitutional provisions in my judgment would be greatly modified if the same measures were submitted to the people for their approval or rejection. The sanctity of the vote of the people upon a measure would even effect the judiciary in the construction of laws and constitutional provisions. The state of Oregon has the best laws of any commonwealth in the Union. These excellent laws have been placed upon its statute books by reason of having the power to submit the same to the people under the Initiative and Referendum.

The contention that the people will enact unwise measures is predicated upon the theory that they are incapable of self-government. Inasmuch as the end of all government is the happiness of its citizens, is it not absurd to contend that people will hurt themselves by their own votes upon measures submitted to themselves? Do you believe that the average legislator can decide for you what you want better than you can decide for yourself?

#### How it Spreads

The adoption of the Initiative and Referendum will place in the hands of the people the tools by which they can force the enactment of good measures; laws which the masses of the people favor. Under them infamous laws cannot be enacted, and corrupt and untrustworthy officials, when detected cannot longer represent a good constituency. The rule of the people in my judgment is the most important question of the age. The people become indignant on account of the repeated and flagrant violations of public duty by men who pledge reforms and then after election forget and deliberately

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HON. R. L. BORDEN

This is a snapshot of the Premier taken while speaking during the campaign

of that majority being expressed directly by the people who constitute that majority. True representative government does not exist at the present time. The corrective of retiring the legislators from office at the next general election is too remote to be effective. The law of the Initiative removes the temptation of the legislator to vote against the will of the people because it removes the interest of those seeking Special Privileges, or the defeat of popular measures in his vote. Great corporate interests will not spend money endeavoring to get legislators, or members of councils to vote against measures desired by the people, when they know that the people can at their own initiative, present for passage before the voters of the city or state the same measures. The only resort of such interests then will be in the attempt to bribe the people, and it will be found that

law. They vote intelligently upon measures.

The Referendum is a measure by which the people may annul laws enacted by legislative bodies. It provides that upon the petition of citizens to the number of five per cent. of those who voted at the last preceding general election, any law, or ordinance, enacted may be suspended in its operation until the people of the state or city shall decide by a vote whether the same shall be annulled. The petition to refer the law or ordinance to the people must be filed within ninety days after the enactment thereof, with the secretary of the State in the one case or with the city clerk in the other.

#### Guilty in Office

Often we find that a legislature or city council has passed a measure which is outrageous in its provisions and a gross

# The Girl in the Light Blue Dress

By RICHARD MARSH

It might have been heat; perhaps it was because he was in an unusually languid mood. The fact remained that Mr. Hugh Stewart, having placed himself on the couch in his own apartment, fell fast asleep—in the middle of the afternoon. He slept till something roused him. It took him some seconds to realize that he had been asleep; when he had got so far he continued to lie still, wondering what had happened. Something had, or he would hardly have come out of sleep quite so suddenly. All at once there was a sound as of someone moving—someone who moved with a swishing noise. The room was empty when he lay down—who could have come into it since? Who swished when moving? A trifle bewildered, he raised himself on his elbow to look about him.

Which of the two was the more surprised, he or the lady, was a moot question. As he might have guessed, had he his senses more about him, the person whose movements had caused that rustling sound was of the feminine sex. She stood by the little centre table. Mr. Stewart was not only very young, but he was even younger than he thought, and susceptible to a degree of which he had no notion. It seemed to him that she was the most entrancing vision he had ever seen; possibly the effect was enhanced by the fact that it was so unexpected, and that he had so recently come out of slumber. She was gowned in blue—light blue, the proper Cambridge tint. He was an undergraduate of Trinity Hall; to his confused senses it seemed that the shade was of the nature of a delicate compliment. Her light blue hat was worn at the back of her head, at an angle which became her uncommonly well. She was fair, with blue eyes, and did not look more than nineteen.

As is not unusual in a delicate situation, the lady was the first to speak—rather haltingly.

"I beg your pardon; I'd no idea—"

She did not say of what she had no idea; there she stopped.

He could hardly be said to have filled the hiatus.

"I'm awfully sorry; but—if I'd only known—"

There he stopped; scrambling off the couch as if he had been guilty of an impropriety in allowing himself to be found upon it. Then, apparently, she completed her sentence; speaking with a certain little air of disdain which, to his thinking, became her infinitely well.

"I'd no idea the room was yours."

"No, of course not; I suppose you wouldn't. As a matter of fact, it is mine."

"The window was open."

He glanced at it; at that moment it was closed.

"Yes, I expect it was; it's rather warm this afternoon. As a matter of fact, I left it open."

"I was coming along, when all at once I was overtaken by an attack of faintness. Seeing the window open, without thinking what I was doing I came in."

She sank down on to a chair in an attitude which suggested that that attack of faintness was overtaking her again. His concern at the sight of her condition was greater than his command of words. He could only make blundering suggestions.

"Is there anything I can do for you? Is there anything I can get?"

She shook her pretty head with a languid grace which to his exalted fancy made her almost flower-like.

"Nothing, thank you. I shall be better presently. Will you please leave me?"

He moved towards the door. If it occurred to him that, considering it was his room, there was about the request an element of coolness, there was nothing in his bearing to show it.

"Shall I send anyone to you?—my aunt's maid?—she's a most excellent woman."

The proposition scarcely met with a cordial reception; the lady sat up with a sudden rigidity which seemed to suggest that it had itself gone some way towards effecting a cure. Her tone was almost sharp.

"You will certainly not send anyone to me. I know what is the matter with me better than anyone else; I shall be all

right presently if I'm left alone. You must promise me that you will not send anyone to me—it will only make me worse; promise that you will not even tell anyone that I am here. I trust you; promise me."

"Of course I won't tell anyone if—if you don't want me to."

"Then be so good as to understand that I do not want you to. Now, please, go."

He went—turned out of his own room as if he had been the intruder, not she. He almost fell into the arms of his aunt's maid.

"Master Hugh!" she observed, "your aunt wants to see you at once."

He went up to his aunt's room on the first floor. At the door was a chambermaid; close by was a waiter; within were the manager of the hotel and his aunt, who was plainly in a state of considerable agitation. Mrs. Macartney—who, physically, was nearly as broad as she was long—had a habit, when she was at all excited, of appearing to gasp for breath. She was evidently excited then.

"So it's you!" she exclaimed. "Where have you been? I've been looking for you all over the place!"

"My dear aunt, I've been in my room!" She went on, paying no heed to what he said.

"Monte Carlo's a nice place! It's a den of thieves. They may well call it the dust heap of Europe! And this is a nice hotel! Hughie, I've been robbed! That's the sort of hotel this is!"

She glanced at the manager with so much meaning that the functionary made what proved to be a futile effort to divert the lady's wrath.

"If madam will permit me, I would observe—"

But she would permit him to observe nothing. She went breathlessly on:

"I was going out, as I told you I meant to do, for a run in the car, and just as I got into the hall I suddenly remembered that I had left my rings and my bracelets, and my watch and chain, and a pearl necklace and a gold purse and two thousand five hundred francs in notes, and some other things which I shall recollect when I have time to think, on the table in my room. I came rushing back to get them. Directly I opened the door I saw, standing by the table, just about where I am, a woman—a creature in a pale blue dress."

"In a what, aunt?"

The question came from Mr. Stewart.

"I said in a pale blue dress—don't I speak clearly enough, or are you deaf?—and a hat to match; both the gown and the hat were perfect. I shouldn't be surprised if both of them came from the Rue de la Paix. I took it that it was someone come to see me, though I couldn't think for the moment who it was, and I was just about to advance to her and say 'Good afternoon,' when she ran across the floor on to the balcony and vaulted over the railing into mid air. I never was so horrified in my life—I screamed!"

"I heard madam scream."

This was the manager.

"Oh, you did! It's a consolation, in an hotel like this, to know that someone does at least hear something; I suppose if I'd been killed you'd have heard me being murdered. I was so taken aback that I nearly lost my senses; it was some seconds before I regained sufficient self-possession to enable me to approach the balcony and look over the railing. I imagined myself to have witnessed a suicide; I quite expected to see the creature lying in a huddled mass below, instead of which there was not a vestige of her to be seen."

"After all," pointed out the manager, "it is only about twelve feet from madam's balcony to the ground; for an active young woman not such a very difficult jump."

"Perhaps not for you, or for the persons who are in the habit of frequenting your hotel. I know that if I fell off that balcony I should never expect to rise again. However, when I discovered that there was no one there, and no one even in sight, I was so bewildered that for some moments I felt that I must be dreaming, and that there really had been no young woman in a light blue dress. It was only when I came back into the

room that I began to realize what kind of a hotel this actually was. My rings, my bracelet, my watch and chain, my pearl necklace, my gold purse, my two thousand five hundred francs, to speak of nothing else, has vanished—with that girl in the light blue dress. Then I understood; the creature was a thief—a brazen as well as an athletic thief—probably one of the persons who are in the habit of frequenting this hotel, and who think nothing of a twelve foot jump. Very well! Since the creature is probably well known as an habitue of the house, I shall insist upon her being immediately arrested; and I shall expect my property to be at once returned to me, or adequate compensation made upon the spot."

Mrs. Macartney was very short of breath indeed before her eloquence was exhausted. When the hotel manager went so far as to venture to point out, with the profoundest courtesy, that she had been guilty of what resembled contributory negligence in leaving her valuables exposed, she worked herself into such a state of agitation that her maid, Packham, insisted in turning both men out of the room as the only means of warding off from her mistress an attack of hysterics.

Parting from the manager at the foot of the staircase, Mr. Stewart moved towards his own room, slowly, as one at a loss. Stopping outside his door, he tapped at a panel; he had a feeling that he was not entitled to enter his own premises without at least giving warning. When, after an interval, no answer came, he entered the room. It was empty. Quite what he had expected to find he could not have said. The silence had troubled him. He thought it possible that the entrancing vision—conscience-stricken, ashamed, realizing that she was brought to bay, that escape was hopeless—had been guilty of that desperate act which his aunt had supposed her to be perpetrating when she saw her vault over her balcony into "mid air."

Stay! What was that? Heavens! what could it be? There on the floor, as if it had been hurriedly thrown down, was what looked like a light blue dress, and on an adjacent chair was a light blue hat. On the back of the chair on which at present reposed that light blue hat had been a suit of his—a gray tweed suit. The suit was gone. It dawned upon him also that a green felt hat had vanished off the table.

That evening he dined with Mrs. Puttenham. Mrs. Puttenham was a widow with whom, during the last two or three days, he had almost convinced himself he was in love. Being only fifteen or sixteen years older than he was she found him, on the whole, amusing. They were a partie carree that night at her flat in the Villa des Fleurs; Colonel Trefusis and Miss Blaine were the other two. After dinner, wandering about the small salon, he came upon a photograph, the sight of which made him exclaim:

"Why, what on earth—who is this?"

Mrs. Puttenham who was sitting by the open window all alone—Colonel Trefusis had gone on with Miss Blaine to the rooms—had been conscious that the young gentleman's attentions had not been so entirely centered upon herself as heretofore. Her guest's sudden exclamation, after quite a perceptible interval of silence, made her start.

He was holding out to her the portrait of a young woman. She regarded him with rather an acid smile.

"Do you think it is quite nice of you to make a fuss about another girl when I am here?"

"I say! I'm not making a fuss about her! I only wish to know who she is."

"My dear Hugh, since you are evidently interested in the girl, and not at all in me, I'll tell you all I know about her, if you like. She is Lady Vera Denzil—"

"Lady Vera Denzil?"

"I said Lady Vera Denzil—aren't you a trifle slow in taking one's meaning tonight?—presumed to be a daughter of the Earl of Horley, as I thought everybody knew; but I suppose you're not old enough to be told such stories. Hers is a piquant history, in more senses than one. I could tell you tales. Just now she's in this neighborhood; she's staying

with her aunt, the Marchioness of Rye, in that old house over by Roccabruna. As she's giving what's by the way of being a garden party tomorrow, to which you ought to have no difficulty in gaining admission, since all the scum of the place seems going, you will have an opportunity of informing yourself as to whether Vera Denzil is or is not the original of the photograph in which you take so flattering an interest."

Mrs. Puttenham rose from her seat with an air of one who was weary.

"I think, if you don't mind, I'll go over to the casino; it ought to be slightly more cheerful there than it is here. Perhaps you will escort me to the door."

He did as she suggested, and at the door he said "Good-night."

When at last he did return to his hotel he found on the table in his room a brown paper parcel. Having opened it, he discovered within his grey tweed suit. On the top was half a sheet of note-paper, on which was written in a small, clear hand, which was scarcely feminine, "Returned—with thanks for the unintentional loan. I think I'll keep the green felt hat in remembrance." Not a word was said of the return of the light blue dress, to say nothing of the hat.

While he was still regarding what was written on that small scrap of paper, Mrs. Macartney entered, unannounced.

"Hugh," she exclaimed, "where have you been? I thought something must have happened to you; I've been hunting for you all over Monte Carlo. Nothing has been heard of my rings, and bracelets, and necklace, and money, and other things, and nothing has been seen of that jade in the light blue dress."

"Should you know her if you saw her again?"

"I should know the dress and the hat—I should know them anywhere; but as for her face, I never had a proper look at it—she took care of that—so how could I know her again? As for the manager of this hotel, his impertinence is unbearable. But I'll show him, I'm fully resolved, if I don't receive complete satisfaction the first thing tomorrow morning, to go straight to the British Consul."

The injured lady did not receive complete satisfaction in the morning; but she received a visit from a high official of the police, who was the pink of courtesy, and who assured her, on what grounds he alone knew, that his underlings were hard on the miscreant's heels, whose capture might be expected at any moment. And as the manager of the hotel was apologetic, Mrs. Macartney, her feathers somewhat smoothed, decided to postpone that visit to the British Consul. Then an acquaintance—the Comtesse Beauregard—made her a proposition which was of the nature of a bargain, offering, in exchange for a seat in her car, to introduce Mrs. Macartney, and, if he desired, her nephew also, to the Marchioness of Rye's garden party.

Thus it came about that Mr. Hugh Stewart found himself one of a throng which suggested that the Marchioness was giving a public rather than a private entertainment.

He had not been there a quarter of an hour before he came upon the lady of the light blue dress.

Desirous of avoiding the crowd—in which there seemed to be no one he knew—he was wandering down one of the side-paths in the large but ill-kept grounds, when he saw her approaching from the opposite direction. It was only when they were within three or four feet of each other that, realizing that she did mean to extend him recognition, he ventured to raise his finger to his hat. She stopped. Theoretically, she ought to have been overcome by confusion, to say nothing of shame; actually, she was very far from being anything of the kind. Something about her mouth, which was distinctly a pretty one, suggested an embryonic smile; while she looked him straight in the face with an expression in her blue eyes which gave him a dreadful feeling that she was looking at him as if she saw in him something to laugh at. Anyone less resembling conscience-stricken guilt one could scarcely conceive.

To be continued next week

# Co-operative Supply

A department of co-operation which has for many years been successfully and profitably employed by the farmers of European countries, and one which lends itself readily to employment in Canada, is that of co-operative supply—the co-operative purchase—and in some cases also the co-operative production—of what may be called the raw materials of the farmer, his seed, feeding stuffs, machinery, twine, fence wire, lumber, fertilizers and other materials necessary to his business. This branch of co-operation is closely allied to the co-operative store, the only difference being that the co-operative store is organized from the standpoint and for the benefit of the consumer, while the co-operative supply association exists to provide materials needed in the business of production. The supply association often combines both functions, however. In "Co-operation at Home and Abroad," C. R. Fay, an English authority, gives an interesting account of the history and achievements of co-operative supply associations in Europe.

## The Example of Denmark

Denmark leads in this as in several other branches of co-operation. If a Dane wants to buy or sell a commodity, he seems instinctively to form a society for the purpose and the experience there shows that the more co-operation a country has the better co-operation succeeds. In Denmark there is one big supply organization, The United Co-operative Supply association, comprising 800 societies, of which one is to be found in nearly every Danish village. These are country stores, which sell provisions and general household requirements as well as raw materials. They own a big wholesale house in Copenhagen, very like the Manchester Wholesale. There is also the Farmers' Co-operative Purchase Federation, comprising 4,000 farmers, who on ready money terms buy feeding stuffs, seeds and manures, and sell butter, eggs and garden produce through a single depot in Copenhagen. There are also six feeding stuff associations with a membership of 600 co-operative dairies; also four manure associations, whose members are either agricultural societies, co-operative dairies or individual farmers; nine federations of seed purchase societies; also one creamery-requirement association, comprising 362 co-operative dairies, with a depot at Copenhagen.

## A German Society

The supply society which Mr. Fay inspected at the village of Guntersblum, Germany, will afford a picture of the simplest form of co-operative society engaged in the supply of raw materials. As an establishment it is simply a shed. Its sole official, the secretary, works also at the local credit bank and does his business either there or at home. Each quarter he obtains from the farmers an estimate of their requirements and transmits the orders to the office of the provincial wholesale. The deliveries are hauled by the farmers themselves from the station to their respective farms. The society pays cash and takes the risk of non-payment by the members. As a measure of prudence the secretary orders a little more than the amounts demanded, which he keeps in the shed. Then in case any farmer should have underestimated his wants, he need not have recourse for this slight but instantly required addition to outside traffickers, who are usually Jews; for these men often refuse to supply incidental wants unless the buyer will promise to continue his custom. The fixing of price and the distribution of the surplus profit are conducted on the same principle as in the retail store in the town—sale at the market price and division of the surplus according to the amount of trade done through the organization.

## Co-operative Factories

The strongest supply organizations, those of Denmark and Switzerland, supply household requirements as well as the materials of agriculture. Not only

has the Danish organization a huge wholesale warehouse at Copenhagen, but it has also like the British wholesales, its own productive departments: a cocoa and chocolate factory at Kolding, a tobacco factory also at Kolding—erected on account of a boycott by the tobacco merchants—and rope and soap factories at Aarhus. The organizations of the other countries confine themselves strictly to agricultural requirements, seeds, manures, foodstuffs, and sometimes machinery. Many of the organizations thus limit themselves not because they feel too weak to assume the work, but because they consider it outside their province. The biggest supply society in Ireland, at Enniscorthy, Wexford, deals in machinery and general provisions as well as seeds and manures but its extension into these lines met with opposition from the Irish Agricultural Organization Association which organized Irish co-operation, because the association thought it imprudent to arouse the hostility of retail traders. The Enniscorthy society was compelled by a boycott of Irish machinery merchants to obtain its machinery from the east of England, yet the value of this branch of the society's work was proved when its premises were burned down some time ago and the local prices of agricultural machinery went up 50 per cent.

## Benefits to Farmers

"Yet whatever their limitations in some countries," says Mr. Fay, "the agricultural supply societies have done much for the farmer. The early difficulties were everywhere the same. The peasant proprietor was constitutionally averse to change. First he thought the new-fangled manures useless because he had often been defrauded by the merchants; then when the society supplied them he thought them useless because he did not know how to use them properly. The co-operative society not only brought him cheaper supplies, it also taught him how to use them. Opponents of co-operation have contended that this testing work could have been equally well done by the local professors of agriculture, but his own society commands from the farmer what the local professor does not, namely confidence. In Germany, for example, the testing stations were practically neglected until they were managed in connection with a co-operative organization.

"In many a co-operative society the difficulty is to find someone to take up a new idea. When one farmer, perhaps the big man of the village or a man of peculiar enterprise, leads the way, the rest follow.

## Frauds Stamped Out

"Though some commercial houses have always been strictly honorable, it is impossible to deny that the small farmers have been hopelessly plundered by travelling agents. Here is a sample of a fraud which the supply societies in Rhien-Hessen have stamped out. The average quality of feeding stuff should be about 16 to 18 per cent. of protein. The Jew traffickers used to put the number 20 in big figures on the feeding cakes and the real percentage—a very low figure—in small numbers in the corner. The '20' was their own business mark. By this means the farmer was induced to believe that he was buying excellent feeding stuff. In such things as seeds and manures the farmer is especially open to deception because their value cannot be tested at once.

"In particular cases the societies, in order to replace worthless stuff by stuff of good quality, have had to raise the price, to the loudly expressed disgust of the farmer, but generally the societies have effected huge reductions. Thus in France the diminution of price amounted to 46 or 50 per cent. of their former cost in the typical cases quoted. Again in Belgium a report states 'We still bear in mind this striking fact that when at the outset we were on the point of establishing agricultural associations in certain villages, the merchants in a single day lowered by 7 francs per 100 kilos the price of linseed, which was previously priced at 15-16 francs.'

## In Canada, Too

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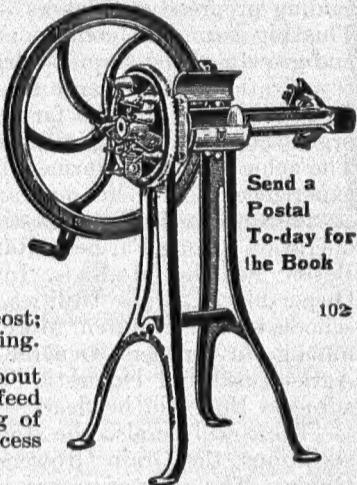
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supplies, is proved by the experience of a number of groups of members of the Grain Growers' associations and of the U.F.A., which were reported in the Guide of April 19, 1911. With the exception of the Farmers' Co-operative Co., Ltd., of Davidson, Sask., all the groups reporting on that occasion have been working without formal organization, simply clubbing together to purchase a car load of twine or flour, each paying the wholesale price with a proportion of the freight and each transaction being complete in itself. When a co-operative bill is passed by Parliament, however, as it is hoped will be done in the near future, it will be possible to organize permanent co-operative societies for the supply not only of the farmers' raw material but also of household requirements of every kind, and the benefits of co-operation will then doubtless be enjoyed by a much larger number of farmers and workers throughout Canada.



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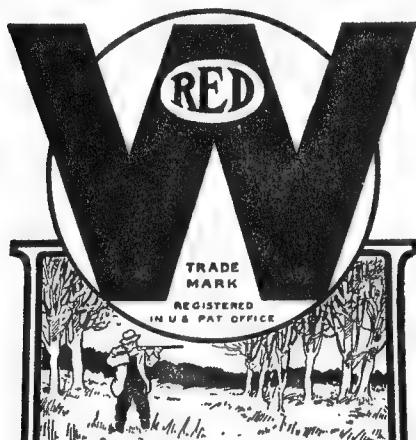
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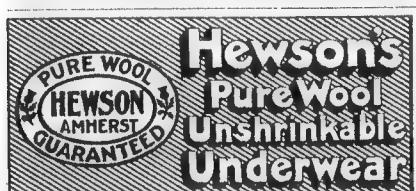
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## Imperative Need of Direct Legislation

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repudiate the same. The public becomes incensed at the legislators and members of the city councils who are continually thwarting the will of the people and voting against wholesome legislation at the instance of gigantic corporations. The battle cry of "the rule of the people" is spreading throughout the land without regard to political affiliations. States are adopting the Initiative and Referendum by overwhelming majorities. Oregon adopted the same in 1902 by a vote of 62,024 in favor of, to 5,668. In Colorado, notwithstanding a great campaign organization existed against the measures they were passed by a vote of 89,141 in favor of, to 28,698 against the same. Staid old Maine cast 51,591 votes for, and only 23,712 against. Old conservative Missouri carried the Initiative and Referendum by a majority of over 25,000. South Dakota, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Arkansas and Oklahoma have each adopted these great principles of government by a vote of three to one. Even in Illinois where there has been what is called the "Public Opinion" law, which is simply advisory to the legislature, a vote at the state election in 1902 upon the popular petition for a local Referendum law resulted in a vote in favor of the same of 390,970 to 83,877, a vote of four to one. A second vote taken at the general election of November, 1904, on a similar question of establishing a local peoples' veto, resulted in the overwhelming vote in its favor of 535,501 to 95,420, over five to one. Notwithstanding those strong advisory votes in the state of Illinois, the legislature had refused to put before the people the measures which such overwhelming majorities demanded. If the vote of the people of Illinois could be expressed, after the exposition of the corruption in the legislature of that state, which has recently been investigated by grand juries, I have no doubt that the Initiative and Referendum would be carried by a vote as large as that with which it was carried in Oregon.

### Cities also Progressive

Initiative and Referendum laws have been adopted in cities in the union by overwhelming majorities. They were adopted in Los Angeles by a vote of 12,105 to 1,955, or a vote of six to one. The movement in California which was started by Los Angeles has been followed in that state by the cities of Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, Pasadena, Eureka, Santa Monica, Alameda, Santa Cruz, Long Beach, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Palo Alto, Richmond and Berkeley. Under a law passed by the legislature of the State of Kansas in 1909, giving to cities that desired it the right to the Initiative and Referendum, there has been a large number of cities which have availed themselves of this privilege. Now the right to enact laws by Direct Legislation exists in the cities of Leavenworth, Anthony, Independence, Hutchinson, Wichita, Kansas City, Coffeyville, Topeka and Parsons. Kansas City, Missouri; St. Joseph, Missouri; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma, Washington; Lewistown, Buffalo and Idaho, New York, have together with many other cities, now the right to enact Direct Legislation.

The Initiative and Referendum laws are no longer experiments, nine states in the Union have adopted the same. The wholesome legislation passed by the city which first adopted these measures is extending now to all the cities of the Union. In my judgment the highest considerations of good government demand the passage of these measures.

### MARQUIS WHEAT

Someone has said that Marquis wheat is "the greatest contribution of science to Western agriculture." No one familiar with this great variety doubts the statement. Marquis is the new wheat that has been bred up by Dr. Saunders, the Ottawa plant breeder, its parents being Red Fife and an Indian wheat known as Hard Red Calcutta. From the former it has inherited excellence of quality for milling purposes and the latter has imparted earliness.

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they serve to show the great value of Marquis to the farmers of Western Canada. Remarkable yields of this wheat have been produced. In 1910, at Indian Head, the yield was 54 bushels per acre. The results at the same station this year show a yield of 44 bushels per acre. But other farmers throughout the West have grown as much per acre, and this year Mr. Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, Sask., grew 475 pounds on one-eighth of an acre. He sowed 10 pounds and the yield is at the rate of 63 bushels per acre.

The earliness of Marquis has been proved by tests at the experimental farms, where it grew side by side with other varieties and ripened several days earlier than Red Fife, hitherto regarded as the standard of milling value.

And in milling value too it has made a reputation. Tested with Red Fife by no less an authority than Prof. Harcourt, of the Ontario Agricultural College, it was demonstrated that samples of Marquis grown in 1910 were superior for milling purposes to Red Fife of the same year. The result of this test is published in the 1910 annual report of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and may be obtained upon request.

Marquis wheat has many advocates throughout the country who have tested small quantities of it, and the interest which has been aroused in Marquis is very great.

### PERQUISITES OF A RAILROAD PRESIDENT

An interesting example of how railroad presidents can make money on the side was told in a recent editorial note in the Brooklyn Eagle, called forth by a protest meeting of the commuters of the Long Island Railroad, who had long endured poor service. This road serves a territory of good farms and popular summer resorts, none of them very far from New York. It is now part of a large trunk line but has its own administration. Commuters had noticed that first one place and then another would be favored with more and faster trains, for a time, each place being neglected when the next sprang into favor. This was a mystery until some thoughtful observer discovered that the phenomena coincided with the household migrations of the president of the road. That foresighted gentleman would settle in a place but little known, buy much land thereabout and advertise it for development. The excellent train service would then bring homeseekers. But after a season or two, the president, having gathered a harvest of unearned increment, would move to another place where the same phenomena recurred, plus neglect of train service to the former place. There has been a disposition among the commuters to condemn the president of the road, but why? To be sure his use of official authority to throw increments of social value into his own pockets, instead of letting them drain into the pockets of other land speculators, furnishes them with the ground that he plays the game with cards up his sleeve. But when you consider the stakes they do not belong to anybody that would have got them if he had played fair. Land values are not earned by particular land owners who happen to own land to which they attach, any more than to railroad presidents who water them with temporarily good railway service. To borrow a favorite expression of the men who get something for nothing and boast of it, if that railroad president was "smart enough to turn the trick why aren't the profits his?"—The Public.

### TWO PHILANTHROPISTS

A Michigan dairyman was caught following the ancient but highly respectable custom of diluting his milk with water. When arraigned he set up the novel plea that he was doing it for the good of his customers, that the milk was so rich as to ruin their digestion if not diluted. The flinty-hearted magistrate before whom the benevolent dairyman was tried failed to appreciate his public spirit and fined him \$20. Here in Pittsburgh there is a man who sells artificial milk. He sells only to certain dealers and says that the law can't touch him because he does not supply consumers. He also claims to be a public benefactor, saying that his "dope" contains nothing harmful and it helps the dealer to sell milk cheap enough so that poor people can afford it. There are many such philanthropists as these at large in this country, and they seem to find that it pays to be kind to the dear public in a quiet, unobtrusive way.—Ex.

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# SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association by Fred. W. Green, Secretary, Moose Jaw, Sask.

## CITY AND COUNTRY

"My, this is an awful rain," said our Bluefield friend today, as he drew off his dripping coat and wiped his shoes on the mat.

Pulling a paper from his pocket, he said, "Have you seen this? (reading) Either grit or tory can swallow champagne?"

"Oh yes, I have read that letter," I said. "But don't you think the farmers can swallow any kind of a campaign dose grit or tory have a mind to mix up for them?"

My friend asked for a cuspidore. I said it was not required in this office but that he had better throw his quid outside, which he did.

"Well, Mr. Green," he said, "this is fierce. This Battleford candidate, elected by the farmers to work for reciprocity, now says he will support Mr. Borden to save the town. Yes, and the Regina reciprocity candidate is being urged to resign in favor of the Borden candidate, to save Regina, and the Moose Jaw member elect is to be asked to resign to save Moose Jaw."

"Save them what from?" I asked.

"Save them from being missed in the distribution of the government patronage," ejaculated my friend. "Farmers to the de'il, reciprocity too," he went on. "Any policy that does not get for these city-bred people the patronage is of no use to them. Reciprocity to the winds. It is not a question of right with them, not that which is best for all, but what is expedient for them. They are the special privilege party. If you think just ever so little, you will discover this. Why, that was the dominant thought that carried almost every constituency. Do not run away with the idea that some different kind of a Referendum would have given the farmers reciprocity. We have the ballot and the ballot will be used by city bred people for city bred people. When farmers have learned to use theirs for the country people and better conditions of rural life they will be listened to—not before. When they can think together, plan together, vote together and put their own representatives in our legislative halls they may get some consideration—not before. We have got to develop some way to exercise force, don't you make no mistake about it. Let the farmers have their turn. Baal! Yes, when the farmers take their turn. Moral suasion is all right, but if the farmers wait for city people to measure out justice to the rural communities you will have quite a nice wait. No, sir, not till a new breed of men is raised; not so long as the love of ease is so prevalent; not so long as cities are so bright and cheerful, and country life so full of drudgery and is so unremunerative; not so long as city people look on the farmer as their lawful prey, the meat of their peculiar choice; not so long as they regard it fair to beat the farmer down to the lowest possible price for his produce and sell him their product in exchange at the highest possible price, while they work behind a high protective tariff wall and compel the farmer to work in the wide open fire of world-wide competition, reserving to themselves the power of price-fixing on both sides. Oh, no, my friend, not so long as these are praised for their skill in beating the farmer, and are lauded for giving a tenth of the spoil to the Lord. Not while the speculator and the company promoter can creditably boast of their capacity to skin the country people as they swagger about with the unearned increment in their pocket, and pass the collection plate to the poor beggar who finds himself unable to collect the increment he has earned. On what kind of a referendum do you expect this breed to give farmers justice? How long will you wait when they are seeking protection for every urban class, but wish at the same time to subject the farmer to the bitterest kind of competition both at

home and abroad. How long, when the business men are tired of the process of honest toil and have in their own hands the power of evasion by the power of price fixing? Yes, from a pin to coal and timber on what we buy; and from an egg to a bushel of wheat on what we sell."

"Initiative and Referendum," I suggested.

"Pshaw!" said he. "Can't you see that the man on the land wants a higher price for his product and the city dweller wants to get them from him at less than cost. The man on the land wants the city man's product cheaper and cheaper. Their interests clash and there is no arbitrator but the law of competition; so there is commercial war between them, and is bound to be till you get some different principle as a balance wheel. Do you expect the city man to love you better than himself because you say, here is a ballot. Let's have a Referendum! You will need a different kind of arbitration board to that, my friend. No, sir, the breed of mankind we have to deal with is not the kind that will be, but the kind that is now, and we can only get that which we can take both in legislation and in business. I mean you cannot get your inherent right in either by passive non-resistance. Retainers of the old feudal lords, serfs in Russia, or the slaves in the southern cotton fields, were never any more at the mercy of their masters

also George Langley, E. A. Partridge and Mr. Paynter.

Much correspondence was read and considered. Also bills passed. A committee was appointed to interview the provincial government re several resolutions passed at last convention.

Mr. Paynter presented a plan of government hail insurance in line with the resolutions of last convention.

The following resolution was passed:

"That secretary be instructed to call a meeting of the directors to meet at Moose Jaw, November 1, at 9 a.m., in the association's office, Russell Block, for the purpose of adopting a plan of organization work for this fall and winter and any other business that may be presented. Directors to be notified to come prepared to stay until the business is completed."

"That the secretary, president and E. A. Partridge be asked to meet and draft a plan together with the object to be attained to present to the directors' meeting above referred to on November 1, for their approval, and that a copy of this draft be sent to the directors previous to the meeting, that they may become acquainted with its contents."

## NEWSY BRIEFLETS

Wm. Schous writes that at St. Boswells they are going to start a Grain Growers' association. Twenty-one men have signed a document to that effect. They mean to co-operate in business as well.

Audry Branch President writes, "Why not get the premiers to let the people have

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expressed, than that this would be better for England," said Mr. Bright, and he proceeded, "I should say that if a man had a great heart in him, he would rather look forward to the day when from that point of land which is habitable nearest the pole, to the shores of the great gulf, the whole of that vast continent might become one great confederation of states, without a great army and without a great navy, not mixing itself up with the entanglements of European politics, without a custom house inside through the whole length and breadth of its territory, and with freedom everywhere, equality everywhere, law everywhere, such a confederation would afford at least some hope that man is not forsaken of heaven, and that the future of our race may be better than the past."

Now, is the "better than the past" going to come from such a continental ideal?

Is equality everywhere over there?

Is freedom universal?

Is peace everywhere in the United States?

Is law everywhere obeyed?

Are men and women, home and property rights, more sacred over there than here?

Do they have to contribute to a navy?

Are they free from European politics?

Do we really want to confine ourselves to the continent of America?

Is the world's work and problems confined to this continent?

Would we be more free from the ravages of the Special Privilege party by such a change in our governmental structure?

If the United States had not established a better condition on their territory than we on ours, where is the guarantee of their doing it on a wider area?

If there were no custom houses inside the American continent, from whom would we collect taxes—from those outside or those inside? Do we want to collect a tax to run our government from the other fellow? If so, will there not be strife between us and them? If we have no custom house inside or around the outside should there be any elsewhere? If not, is it not absolute universal free trade that is wanted? And then, with the single tax on land values, think you would there be universal peace everywhere? Equality everywhere, freedom everywhere, law everywhere?

How then should we meet the competition of the Chinamen, Japanese, Hindoo and the poor Englishman? Cannot you almost hear the rustle of the wings of the new breed of middlemen, money exchanges and usury mongers that will be required in that day? We have got to get bigger hearted even than America for Americans. Bigger than much for self and less for all. Do we not still need a cross in our flag?

## THRESHERS' ACCOUNT BOOK

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## IGNORANCE

"To be ignorant of ones ignorance is the malady of ignorance."

"Better be unborn than untaught."

"The ignorant hath an eagle's wings and an owl's eyes."

"He that is not aware of his ignorance will be only misled by his knowledge."

## CULTURE

"Nothing is so indicative of deepest culture as a tender consideration for the ignorant."

"Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body."

"The highest purpose of intellectual cultivation is, to give a man a perfect knowledge and mastery of his own inner self."

"That is true cultivation which gives us sympathy with every form of human life, and enables us to work more successfully for its advancement."

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Attending local association meetings will help dispel "ignorance," establish human sympathy, and help stop the mourning.

than we are at the mercy of our organized manufacturing interests and their retainers. City people have always looked on the men who tilled the soil as their lawful prey. As their fathers have done so do they to this day. This subordination of right to selfish expediency was never more clearly demonstrated than in the proposal referred to; never were principles more ruthlessly and wantonly trampled underfoot and the interest of the many sacrificed to selfish special privilege few.

"Something must be done," said my friend as he brought his fist down on the desk. "To destroy this monopoly, this patronage system. We had better have direct taxation in some form; anything so that the man with a family does not have to pay five or ten times as much taxes as the man who murders his unborn offspring and revels in every kind of selfish gratification. We must establish equitable relative values between the different classes of labor product and stop this cut-throat competition between organized manufacturers and unorganized agriculturists. City people won't do this as you may see. No, the labor men won't; they could if they would, and they would if they could, so it is up to the men on the land, you see."

He picked up his cap, reached for his coat and started for the door.

## DIRECTORS TO MEET NOV. 1

An executive meeting was held at Regina on the 28th inst., at which there was present President Maharg, Chas. A. Dunning, A. G. Hawkes, Jas. Robinson,

a Referendum vote on reciprocity?" What say you all?

Oliver King, of Manitoba, writes declaring we need a Farmers' machine to thresh the professional politician.

East Cut Knife is again to the front with \$5.50 membership fees.

West View comes forward with five more membership fees.

George Langley, E. A. Partridge and Mr. Paynter were noticed decorated with our neat Saskatchewan button.

Mr. Neilson, from Keeler, called for information re shipping grain to The Grain Growers' Grain Company.

The constitutionality of Direct Legislation is being thoroughly investigated by Winnipeg lawyers.

The latest report we have shows that the world's production of wheat is some 80,000,000 bushels higher than last year. Wonder if it is true? Yes, keep borrowing money; keep paying interest. It will simply pile up money to pay interest on.

INVERMAY sends us fee for one more member; every one counts.

Ben P. Saloway, Halcyonia, is on the move. Sends us fees for 24 members. They have two life members. Wonder what is the matter with all the other farmers at Halcyonia.

## THOUGHTS FOR THINKERS WANTED—AN IDEAL

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The great John Bright, during the American Civil war, in a speech on the Trent affair, drew attention to the fact that Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton had ventured a prediction, that the time would come when there would be about as many independent states on the American continent as you could count on your fingers. "There could be no meaner motive

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## THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

Editor, Guide.—The political situation produced by the complete collapse of the Laurier government on the question of reciprocity is one that can hardly be viewed by farmers, whether Liberal or Conservative, without considerable misgiving. Despite all the flag waving and the call to loyalty, the real issue lay between a high and low tariff. By the complete rout of the exponents of low tariff, it is now certain that the days of low tariff are over and the "adequate" protection will now enable the mergers and combines to find a happy hunting ground in Western Canada to exploit the agricultural community in return for the money they have been pouring out like water to defeat the tariff reduction. Both political parties are dominated by these vested interests and legislation for years past has been influenced and controlled by the thrall of this concealed but irresistible force. Having been completely defeated on a low tariff policy, the Liberal party is hardly likely to again espouse a cause so unpopular in the East, even though the people of the Prairie Provinces should be practically unanimous in demanding it. Even during the recent contest the Liberal leaders have been busily engaged in endeavoring to reassure the East that they did not intend to hurt them. What, therefore, must be generally evident is the fact that in future political campaigns the position of the Eastern political parties is bound to become more or less assimilated and more specially concerned to defend essentially commercial and industrial interests rather than agriculture on which the West almost exclusively depends. The attitude that should be adopted west of the great lakes in these circumstances is one of far-reaching importance. From recent events it would appear that the interests East and West are diverse and will become more conflicting as time proceeds and the question arises whether in these circumstances the policy of the two political parties initiated exclusively in the East, and dominated by the monied interests of the mergers and combines that thrive in defiance of existing law and to the great disadvantage of Western agriculture, should longer be submitted to; or whether a new movement having Western aims and ideals and more in harmony with Western sentiment and feeling should take the field on its own account to arrest the aggression of these monopolies which constantly hinder necessary legislation and generally stand against the rights of the people.

G. E. WAINWRIGHT.

Borden, Sask.

## RISE STRONGER THAN EVER

Editor, Guide.—The electoral contest being over, we now have the opportunity of considering our position and know whether the stand we took on the issues of the past campaign were correct or not. For one thing the supporters of reciprocity have nothing to be ashamed of. They took the part of the weak against the strong, of the "workers" against the "drones," and therefore they feel secure in their position and the stand they took in this very important issue. We were defeated but not disgraced, and we will come up next time more powerful and stronger than ever.

OLIVER KING.

Wawanusa, Man.

## DEFEATED BUT NOT CONQUERED

Editor, Guide.—For the moment it is over. The flag-waving and the annex-

ation howling of the anti-reciprocity orators and press, backed by the millions of the Manufacturers' association and the railways, has checked the tide of national progress and flung a heavy weight upon the agricultural prosperity of the Dominion. But it is only for the moment. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," says the poet, and it is true of the tariff reduction sentiment as of everything else that is great and broad and progressive. As time goes on it is inevitable that the farmers of Manitoba and the East will come to see the disastrous consequence of the verdict of September 21 and, repenting of their folly, will swing over to the policy which makes so vitally for their own prosperity. As Grain Growers, it behooves us individually, comrades, to hasten that day by educating our fellow farmers to the necessity of freer trade relations and to the iniquities of the present manufacturing tariffs, and by strengthening our farmers' organizations throughout the Dominion. We have enough material for argument to enable us, if we only work diligently, to eventually swing the agricultural interests of Canada into as united a front as are the manufacturers today. Canada is primarily an agricultural country. Protection for the greater majority of manufacturers means simply giving them a premium which the farmer and the consumer must pay. In the name of common sense, then, doesn't it behoove the farmers to use their utmost efforts to cut that premium to a point where competition is possible and in most cases to do away with it altogether? The milling trust is amassing millions simply because it can, under the present conditions, set its own price on the off grades of wheat which we are prevented from shipping to the United States and for which there is little demand in Liverpool. Whatever adds to the country's agricultural prosperity must inevitably add to the Empire's wealth and greatness. The logic of the highest, broadest and truest imperialism is all toward reduction of tariffs and wider trade relations. The annexation cry was purely political buncombe on both sides of the line, as our people must universally come to realize before long. The forces of progress have suffered a reverse, but they are unconquered still and the time will inevitably come when they must triumph. Let us then be strong and very courageous, fight our battles with skill, determination and diligence, and live in hope of the day which shall usher in a greater and better Canada with more prosperous conditions for the real source of the greater part of Canada's wealth—the farmer.

WM. F. McALLISTER.

Unity, Sask.

## ENGLISH CANADIAN FESTIVAL

Editor, Guide.—May I through your columns tender my hearty thanks to E. J. Fream for the admirable way in which he brought to the notice of the readers of The Guide the possibilities offered by the English Canadian Harvest Festival proposition. Mr. Fream has laid emphasis on the more valuable features contained in the idea and I am the more pleased to notice this as I myself handed him the outline of the scheme, and I earnestly hope it will be accepted in the way put by Mr. Fream. I do not regret in a sense that little will be done this year as the whole thing is still in the embryo but the manner in which it is being received both in England and here bids well for the future. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury is

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at present in Switzerland but I am assured by his chaplain that the matter will have full consideration. His Lordship the Bishop of Saskatchewan is graciously giving me his support and F. W. Green of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is enthusiastic. Could a scheme be promulgated under happier circumstances?

W. M. WALDRON.  
Lloydminster, Sask.

## STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION

Editor, Guide.—Owing to the fact that the offer of reciprocity (which was made by the United States in all good faith and accepted by Canadian Government in like manner) was turned down by the Canadian people on the 21st September, I ask you for a little space in which to make a suggestion. It is clear, I think, to the casual observer, that the powers which were prominent in defeating reciprocity, are those interests which maintain that protection is necessary to the existence of the Canadian people, and that "Canada" is wholly and entirely contained within the limits of those interests. I think it is the business of the Grain Growers' Associations of the western provinces, and all those who have identified themselves with the associations in supporting the reciprocity agreement, to disabuse people's minds of this idea. Therefore I would suggest that an effort be made at this time to increase the numbers and the influence of these associations by an appeal to all those electors who supported the agreement on the 21st of September, conscientiously believing the same to be in the best interests of the Dominion of Canada, to join the associations of their respective provinces, thereby pledging themselves to remain true to the farmers' demands in their entirety regarding reciprocal free trade between Canada and the United States as laid down at Ottawa on the 16th December, 1910.

W. G. FITZGERALD.  
Grenfell, Sask.

## THE ELECTION RESULTS

Editor, Guide.—Now that the smoke of the fray has somewhat cleared away it may not be out of place to consider the results, as far as the farmers are concerned. That they are to be discredited as much as some people would have them be does not necessarily follow, or that they are to be anathematized as "no good, the farmers will never stick together" by the otherwise or "I told you so" kind of people. It is true that in Manitoba they have not made the showing that might be expected of them or that they ought to have done. It is also true that probably half of the farmers' delegation to Ottawa last December merely desired to knock the government on the principle that any government is always wrong (more especially so when led by Laurier) and that any opportunity of tailtwisting should be made the most of. By the way, I wonder how many of the delegation voted for monopoly when the final test came. It is also true that a great many votes went anti-which should have been for reciprocity had the right party introduced the legislation necessary to carry the pact into effect. It is also true that a great opportunity has been missed whereby the farmers of the West would have found a profitable

market for their produce and that Manitoba alone is millions of dollars poorer in consequence. But to whom are we mainly indebted for the present at least. If our farmers had been as true as their leaders and had they, as Messrs. Scallion and Wood did, supported up to the last their own demands for better markets and freer trade relations with United States, we would have been more respected by any future government in Canada. Our requests for redress on any point at issue as between the farmers and any other class such as the railways or capitalists in any shape or form, would also have received more respectful attention. As it is we must continue the fight or become mere serfs and underlings. One thing we may learn is to be very careful who we trust in our association. The mere fact of holding up a hand to vote on a question or talking loudly of what we will do in certain events should not count much in future unless we know that a man believes in what he advocates and is man enough to act independently as he believes. Too many have allowed party leaders to dictate how they should vote and have allowed side issues to dominate just as the capitalist, monopolist and privileged classes would have them do. All will suffer now in consequence, and we will have a set back which will cost the farmers and producers immeasurable millions of dollars, the beginning of which is already being felt. If our rural constituencies had done as in Dauphin, the situation would have been saved for farmers in future and a united effort would be of great value. Look now at Saskatchewan and Alberta. Through the farmers' organizations there immense majorities have been piled up for the reciprocity candidates and the East will know what "redistribution" will mean when the next election comes around. If these provinces had their full representation now the situation would be very materially changed and reciprocity would still be hanging in the balance. After all the main key to the present position is the Ontario vote, and but few in the West are today satisfied that a contingent to the parliament at Ottawa from manufacturing Ontario seventy-two strong for protection and privilege, and but thirteen strong for the consumer and plain people, will mean any good to the West. It seems today that the split between the East and the West is becoming more noticeable and the wise men of the East would best show their wisdom by advocating very generous treatment to the West. We shall soon see if this shall be done or not. If not then they who have sown the present wind will soon be reaping the whirlwind, as a united West such as the three prairie provinces are when considered on the whole, will not long tolerate oppression and legalized imposition even though the present seems against us. Milton in "Paradise Lost" says, "What though the fields be lost all is not lost. The unconquerable spirit. . . . The study for revenge. . . . The resolve to do better." (It is over thirty years since I read this but I think my quotation is right). Farmers, don't despair at the present. Keep your association going. You will soon need them worse than ever. Be careful in appointments and more seriously in earnest.

FRANK SIMPSON.  
Shoal Lake, Man.

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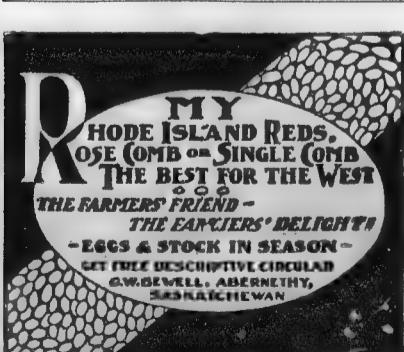
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Mr. HENRI BOURASSA, the Leader of the Nationalist Party, as he looked when replying to the criticism of the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux at a recent political meeting in the Province of Quebec.



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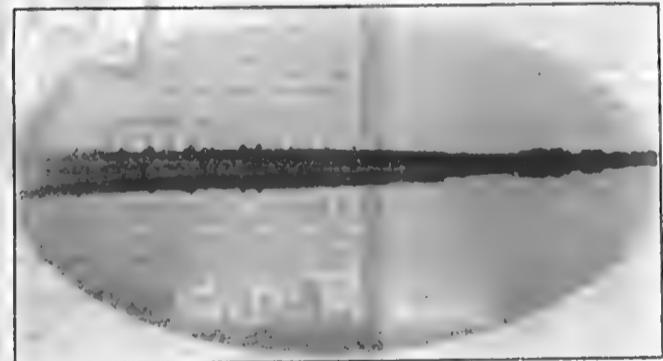
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A MONARCH OF THE CANADIAN FORESTS—A mammoth hollow cedar in Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C., on the line of the C. P. R. The extraordinary diameter and circumference of this giant, which is centuries old, can best be judged by a comparison with the bench which is ten feet in length.



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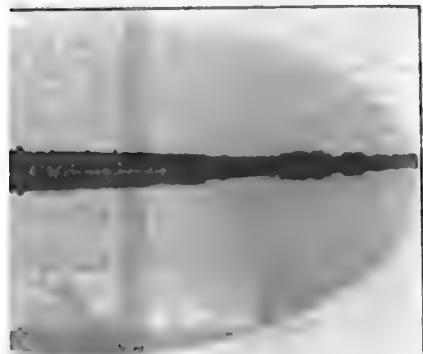
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A 20 acre field of Longfellow Fodder Corn on Echo Farm, owned by R. F. McVeety, Swan River, Man.



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## Homesteads for Women

By "ISOBEL"

If these rainy harvest and threshing seasons continue there will be small doubt about the chance of women to secure the homestead right, as few men will be willing to venture the hazards of homesteading, and the Government may be very glad yet to induce women to come upon the land on any terms. In the Eastern States, where the young men by the thousands succumbed to the lure of the West, leaving behind only worn out farms and discouraged lonely women eking out a precarious existence through dairy, garden and orchard until even these sources of revenue dwindled to the vanishing point, income and women happily went out together so we are told—but the land remained—the land always remains—remained for years and years in disuse. Houses and barns have long since fallen into decay, many of them past repair and hopelessly unenticing to the ordinary speculator.

This was the situation as two very wealthy Boston women saw it. They also saw thousands of girls in factories, in fruitstands, behind counters, in laundries, in offices, in milliner shops, in dressmaking and tailoring shops, underpaid, underfed, undereducated, under the ban of poverty. No man wanted to own or cultivate this desolation, more desolate by far in that once it had been the scene of activity and comfort and joy. At small cost these two women bought up many of these old abandoned farms, sent out gangs of workmen to repair the dwellings and other buildings—erecting new where the old was beyond redeeming; cheap but pretty furnishings followed; laborers were engaged to clear the fields and re-cultivate; orchards were trimmed, grafted, planted as was needed, great fields of berries were set out and fruit plants of all kinds suitable to the locality; poultry yards were built and stocked and fields were set apart for pasture and dairy cows turned in. When all was in readiness a heartsome matron and manager were placed in charge and then the army of working girls were invited to go out. To leave the crowd and the dust and gloom and scanty fare of the city, for the glorious, healthful, wholesome life on the farm. Oh, indeed the girls were expected to work and were glad to work in field and garden and dairy. A splendid market was at hand and profits were good. The girls shared in the profits. The founders of the farm were quite content with a very small interest on the capital invested, merely as a matter of business, but only after the farms began to pay. The girls are being taught to farm scientifically and every convenience for improved methods in work, both indoors and out, are in use.

What a beautiful home the prairies will furnish when the Government extends the homestead right to women, and—how many of these poor girls shall we be able to make room for on our broad acres! The health and the wealth that lies buried in the "first foot of soil," waiting only the pioneers plow, we should willingly share these as well.

A word in season here might be to suggest to the Government to prescribe the sort of dwelling and accommodation every farm house should measure up to. In cities no man may live "how he pleases" unless he pleases to live according to law. A law in the country should be a bath, an indoor closet, storm sash hinged at the top to allow the bedroom windows to swing wide open every day in winter, and sufficient heating apparatus to heat the premises so that the whole household will not have to live in one room for warmth. What avails that miles of sweet pure air surrounds a dwelling if the inmates of that house shut it all outside and live in a super-heated, exhausted atmosphere of tobacco smoke and steam. Live in the fresh air. It has a powerful influence on mentality.

The theory that woman's economic independence is the most desirable and necessary ethical change that society requires, finds most gratifying support in statements made by President Taft as reported in *Womans' World Magazine*. Says the President, "I would like to have the scheme of things so arranged that women, when they come to decide as to matrimony shall have a free and unfettered choice. This they can only have when they are financially independent." "Industrial vocational education" is what

she particularly recommends as a means by which independence shall be attained. He says "Woman never has a fair show."

She is made to run in grooves and the pasture is always thin and watery in grooves and so women have to marry for an existence. She gradually reconciles herself to marriage as a sort of last hope even though "The Prince" has not arrived. The President is going to "scrape all he can together and leave it all to his daughter so that she may choose in marriage"—his sons, he is going to educate and let them go out and battle for a fortune in the arena of their peers.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN ACTIVE

Dear Madam:

Re Homesteads for Women  
I should be very much obliged if you would kindly forward to me a sufficient number of those petitions to circulate among our committee.

Yours faithfully,

L. H. D.

Convenor Com. Agriculture  
Local Council of Women.  
Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 20, '11.

Dear Madam:—Would you be kind enough to send me immediately some copies of the petition "Homesteads for Women." Our quarterly meeting of the Local Council of Edmonton and Strathcona will be held in October and we wish to present this petition for consideration.

T. B.

Secretary.

#### TAKING WELL IN VANCOUVER

Dear Madam:—I received the Home-  
stead petitions sent and am busy getting  
signatures. So far, everyone I have  
approached agreed that "it was a very  
good thing." I got no refusals. I think  
if taken to Ottawa it will surely go through  
all right. I have not concluded the can-  
vass yet, but thought I'd let you know of  
my progress.

I. M. GIBSON.

South Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 26.

#### A CANADIAN

Dear Isobel:—I am very glad to see you have taken up homesteads for women. I should like to help all I can. I think we have as much right to a homestead as the men have. I have run the binder, stooked, cut, raked, and stacked hay; plowed, disked and harrowed; in fact I think I have done everything necessary on a farm and am none the worse off for it either. Outside work always makes us healthy, doesn't it? I should very much like to see the homestead privilege granted, though it would not do me any good. My father and mother were born and married in Canada and then moved just across the line where I was born. While I was a small girl my family moved back to Canada, where we have lived since. I do not see why I have not as much right to homestead as a woman of British birth. I am sure I know more about the work of a farm than a Britisher just out a year could do at first. You say "We have had the privilege of homesteading before." I have not for I have lived in Canada most of my life, and do not want to leave here now. I expect there are many more the same. You say you "do not know where to draw the line if not only women of British birth and Canadian birth are allowed to homestead." Why not allow all English speaking women the privilege or women of all nationalities who have lived in Canada a certain length of time—say five, ten or fifteen years? If some women are not as good as others why not give them all a chance anyway? God created all men equal and one has as much right to a place to live as another. All the people in Canada and British Isles could not make a grain of sand much less a quarter section. And a great many of the poor "unworthies" as they are called, might make the best of citizens if they only had a chance. Why not give them all one? But the petition is a step forward anyway. I should like to do what I can, if you will forward petition.

E. L. STOW.

Sask.

Note.—Dear Miss Stow, I must ask to be excused for not earlier replying to your letter. It was mislaid and forgotten until a rummage revealed it folded inside a book I had been reading. I am sorry. But my dear girl, you are a Canadian. Your parents being British and naturalized makes you a British subject too. It

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doesn't matter if you were born in Mars or Jamaica or Greenland. The only possibility now of your ever becoming other than a British subject will be brought about by your marrying an American or a Mexican or a Turk or some such matter. Indeed you are British, and perfectly eligible to homestead according to our petition, so kindly take charge of a big one and fill it. I am sure if you are as energetic and industrious as your letter indicates, you will be amply successful. Energy and industry are the two most powerful factors of success. You are right about both the grain of sand and the quarter section of land, and its really a mercy those people you mention can't make one or the other, because where would we be then? We wouldn't need any government to give us homesteads, eh? Every man would make his own. I don't believe either you or I would really like that.

Your offer to canvas, with the petition to secure homesteads for women, though you believe you are not within the scope of that petition is an evidence of a generosity that is noteworthy.

ISOBEL

#### FILLED PETITION FORM

Dear Isobel:—I am sending in the petition with as many names as I have been able to get. If there were any more men within driving (between meals) distance, I would have got more.

MRS. JAS. PATERSON.

Plateau, Sask.

Note.—Mrs. Paterson is keeping up the record. Getting the signature of every man within half-a-day's drive is certainly excellent. Do you know any friend, Mrs. Paterson, who would work a petition if one were sent her? Often the work is extended and greatly enlarged by this means.

# Farm Problems

Any reader of The Guide who wishes an answer to any problem on the farm can have them answered in this column. These questions are valuable to all farmers, and should assist them to a more profitable return for their labors. All questions are answered without charge. Answers by the Correspondence School of Scientific Farming.

## BROME GRASS

F.E.J., Govan, Sask.—I have a small plot of land which I wish to sow to grass next spring. I should like to take one or two crops of hay off and then turn it into permanent pasture. I was thinking of sowing brome grass. Could you recommend a better grass or mixture of grasses? The land is sandy loam, but rather stony for working. Part of this land was summer-fallowed this year and the other part was sown to oats, which I cut early for green feed. The stubble is fairly clean.

Answer.—When the locality and description of the soil is taken into consideration, brome grass would give you the best results as a combination hay grass and pasture. Sow about 14 lbs. to the acre and, if you can spare the time, sow without a nurse crop. If this system is followed you will get a light hay crop and some pasture the first fall, while a much larger yield of hay will be reaped the second year than if sown with a nurse crop. It is recommended by expert authorities that all brome grass pastures should be plowed thinly with a breaking plow every four or five years. This practice renews the vigor of the grass, and by its adoption brome can be made to produce a paying crop indefinitely.

## SUMMER FALLOW

R.C.E., Stoughton, Sask.—I have been a subscriber to your valuable paper since it started, and have followed with interest the answers in your query column. I would be very much obliged if you would give me an outline of a good system of summer-fallow for this section of the country.

Answer.—Disk the previous fall, after the crop has been removed if possible, to start germination of seeds near the surface which might otherwise be killed by the winter. In the spring as soon as the weed seeds germinate, plow deep, at least five inches. Follow immediately with a packer, either sub-surface or corrugated. After packing, go over field with harrows once in order to leave the soil in a granular condition. Later, cross-harrow when weeds begin to appear above the surface. Repeat the operation of harrowing from time to time until the soil becomes too compact for the harrow teeth to make much impression. Then use the cultivator, one with wide fixed teeth preferable, making sure to always follow with the harrow. The above system will give good results except where the field is infested with thistles. In such a case the cultivator should be used more dexterously and the harrow less. After plowing never allow a thistle leaf to appear above the surface of the ground, or in other words keep a ~~big~~ summer-fallow all summer on the field. It has been estimated that in order to get good results in eradicating thistles ten acres per horse should be the amount reckoned on for a summer's work. Very good results are being secured on the Portage Plains from such a system.

## CROP ROTATION

F.T.P., Regina, Sask.—I run a dairy farm a few miles from the city of Regina and supply milk to many of the retailers in the city. I would be much obliged if you would advise me of a suitable rotation which would be satisfactory for my conditions.

Answer.—You fail to state the exact size of your dairy farm or quality of soil, and consequently we are hindered somewhat in offering you the most satisfactory advice. With the information at hand, however, a four-year rotation, the first year potatoes, second year corn (grown for ensilage purposes) third year wheat or oats, seeded to clover, and fourth year clover, to be broken up

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## ALFALFA

A.F.T., Cowdery, Man.—I have a small pasture of alfalfa sown this spring

which, in spite of the wet weather, has secured a very good stand. Would it hurt if I pastured it with sheep this fall?

Answer.—On no account should stock of any description be allowed on your alfalfa patch the first season, even though it be of a rank growth. They are apt to eat it too close and the trampling seriously injures the young plant. In order to secure the best results, you should have mowed the field at least twice during the season, setting the knife high to avoid cutting too close. The last mowing should not be later than the first of September, and subsequent growth should be allowed to stand into the winter. A light coating of manure in the fall is sometimes given, and while this often is a good practice, it is not necessary if the plants have a good crop. The manure can be applied to better advantage a year or two later on. If you intend to pasture your alfalfa with sheep next year instead of allowing it to grow to hay, it would be advisable to have it fairly well grown before turning the sheep on it.

This precaution should be taken even after you have secured a hay crop, otherwise they will eat it too close and injure the crown of the plant. Care is necessary in feeding this crop, which is so rich in protein that it is liable to cause some ill results. The sheep should be turned on the field at mid-day when the alfalfa is perfectly dry. They should be well filled up with green feed before put into the field and should have salt before them at all times. When once introduced to alfalfa the sheep should not be taken off it until they are taken off for good. With care there should be a very small percentage of loss either from bloat or from other causes. For feeding lambs no other hay will compare with alfalfa, as they fatten rapidly on it with a very small ration of grain added.

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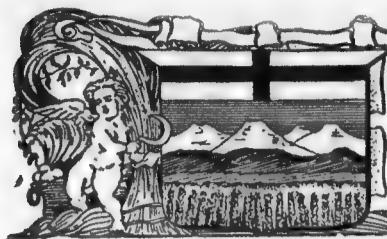
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# ALBERTA SECTION

This Section of The Guide is conducted officially for the United Farmers of Alberta by Edward J. Fream, Secretary, Calgary, Alta.

## Official Circular No. 11, 1911

To the Secretary:—Under instructions from the Board of Directors, I beg to advise you that the next annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held at Red Deer, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 16, 17, and 18, 1912. The regular official notice of the convention will be forwarded at a later date.

Under Section 29 of the Constitution, which was added at the last annual convention, the railway expenses of all delegates attending the convention will be pooled. By this means all will pay the same railway fare and it is hoped that the result will be a large attendance of members from all parts of the province.

Under Section 39, amendments to the constitution must be forwarded to the General Secretary at least sixty days prior to the annual meeting. The Board of Directors have appointed a special committee to revise the constitution. This committee will report within the allotted time, so that all may know the result of their labors, but any suggested changes to the constitution should be forwarded as soon as possible so that they may be considered by this committee.

### Municipal Legislation

In Circular No. 7 a request was made for the views of the members on the proposed rural municipalities legislation for Alberta. So far not many answers have been received, probably the result of the busy season, but I would ask all to kindly let me have their decisions as soon as possible, so that same can be submitted at an early date and the views contained therein considered by the government. Of the answers received to date, they may be classified as follows:—

In favor of the plan adopted in Saskatchewan ..... 22

For a Municipality of Nine Townships ..... 10

For a Municipality of Sixteen Townships ..... 9

For the Taxation of Land Values ..... 23

Against the Proposal ..... 3

Several resolutions have also been sent in, suggesting other changes in the proposed plan, the majority being in favor of the elections being held on the first and second Monday in either November or December, and for the placing of a surtax upon unoccupied lands. Besides these resolutions, several have been forwarded with the request that they be submitted to all Local Unions for consideration.

From Namao Union, No. 18:—

"Resolved that we the members of Namao Union are not in favor of Rural Municipalities but still prefer the present system of Local Improvement. Further that this resolution be forwarded the General Secretary requesting him to bring it to the notice of all the unions so that it might be fully discussed and a vote secured thereon."

From Red Willow Union, No. 236:—

"Be it resolved that to encourage the residence upon and the improvement of the land, we the members of Red Willow Union, No. 236 are in favor of a system of taxation along the following lines; That all taxes in local improvement districts and in rural school districts shall be raised by a direct levy upon land values, the improvements on land in all cases to be exempt from taxation;

That each quarter section, or smaller parcel, when held separately, shall be appraised yearly at its actual value, and the improvements thereon to be appraised separately to the land;

Land upon which the improvements amount to less than one-fourth the land value, and the owner not being resident thereon, to be taxed at its full value. When the improvements amount to one-fourth or more of the land value the exemption to be equal to the value of the improvements, provided that the exemption shall not be more than one-half;

Land upon which the owner has resided continuously during the year previous to the day of appraisal the exemption to be one-half. When the improvements

amount to more than one-half the land value and the owner having resided continuously upon the land during the year previous to the day of appraisal the exemption to be equal to the value of the improvements. Provided that the exemption shall not exceed three-fourths the value of the land;

That the exemption because of residence shall not apply to more than one quarter section;

That the exemption for improvements shall apply only to the quarter section or smaller lot upon which the improvements are located;

That this resolution be forwarded to each local Union of the U.F.A. for discussion."

From Dewberry Union, No. 98:—

"Resolved that this Union is in favor of eight hours constituting a day on local improvement work and that the rate of pay be two dollars per day, or twenty-five cents per hour, for man; and four dollars per day, or fifty cents per hour for man and two-horse or ox teams."

From Blindman Union, No. 65:—

"Resolved that this Union is opposed to the Municipal Bill as proposed, and in lieu of that would suggest that the Local Improvement Districts as at present exist be given power to borrow money on debentures, and that they be compelled to expend same by contract labor."

If any further copies of Circular No. 7 are required, same will be forwarded on request.

### Prices of Farm Products

In Circular No. 8 a request was made for prices on certain farm products, so that comparisons could be made and an effort made to better conditions. So far very few answers have been received. At your convenience, I should be obliged if you would kindly let me have as much information as possible along the lines requested.

In connection with this matter, several suggestions have been received that it would be in the interest of the members for the Central Office to undertake the handling of the smaller farm produce on behalf of the members. Several have pointed out that the Association could possibly be of assistance along this line. What do you think of the idea?

### Direct Legislation

Not many answers have been received as to the suitability of the proposed petition. The bulk of those to hand are not in favor of encumbering the petition at the present time with any request for the recall, but it is not probable that this will be left off. The petitions will be sent out for signature in the course of a few days now and every effort should be made to secure as many signatures as possible.

### Hail Insurance

This question is not by any means settled, and the Boards of Trade in certain parts of Alberta are now considering the matter also. An effort is being made to secure statistics showing what has been done in other countries and it is hoped that this will be sent out for consideration at an early date. The sentiment for or against compulsory hail insurance is very much divided, and it is doubtful whether we shall ever be able to come to a unanimous decision on the subject. Last winter the question came up for consideration and a resolution was adopted.

Before this could be acted upon other steps had been taken by some of the members and the work of the convention was therefore useless. This other step has been discussed by many of the Unions during the last eight months and resolutions regarding same are still coming to hand, together with other resolutions for consideration. Most of these deal along the same lines as the Strathmore resolution, the only difference being the change in the rate of taxation or of indemnity to be paid, so there is not much use in burdening you with them. The only one differing to any great extent is

that received from White Lake Union which is as follows:—

"Whereas the present season has been marked by exceptional damage by hail, hundreds having their entire crop destroyed and hundreds more having had their crops seriously damaged; and

Whereas such destruction occurs every year to a greater or lesser extent, every grain grower being liable to have his entire year's efforts blotted out in a few minutes, causing extreme hardship; and

Whereas we believe it is in accord with the spirit of the U.F.A. that we should assist one another in the spirit of brotherliness, and it is considered that a tax of one cent per acre on all farm lands of the province would furnish a fund sufficient to pay two-thirds value of the damage done by hail throughout the province;

Therefore we would request that the government of Alberta enact such legislation as will legalize the levying and collecting of such a tax, to be applied as aforesaid, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the various Unions requesting their co-operation."

It is hoped in the next circular to be able to give a synopsis of the resolutions received in answer to the Strathmore scheme, so that the whole matter may be more fully considered, but in the meantime if there are any further suggestions dealing with this subject they will be acceptable.

In connection with the system of hail insurance as was enforced in Alberta this year, several complaints have been received in this office. If there is any matter on which assistance can be rendered, and if you have any information which will show that the plan in force this year, and the method of administering same, was not at all satisfactory, all such statements will be very acceptable.

### The Coal Question

The following resolution has been submitted by Wheatland Center Union, No. 109:—

"Whereas coal is a public necessity; and

Whereas the working men and general public suffer great inconvenience and hardship through certain conditions that prevail at the coal mines while owned by private parties, and run solely for the profit of a few individuals; and

Whereas the owners at all times have neglected to provide sufficient protection for the life and health of the men employed therein, it is hereby resolved that we request the executive officers of the U.F.A. to urge the government to institute condemnation proceedings against all coal mines where the full working force is twenty or more men, and acquire and operate the same for the benefit of the men employed therein and for the general public, and thus prevent another coal famine."

### Cutting Hay

Amisk Valley Union, No. 258, has submitted the following:—

"We would like to see some action taken in the matter of cutting hay on unoccupied and C.P.R. lands. The cutting used to start on July 25, but this year it was commenced before that date and a great deal of confusion resulted. It was decided to try and ascertain whether the Unions would take the matter up and suggest a definite date for the cutting of hay to start."

### Educational Taxes

From Streamstown Union, No. 8:—

"We would like to see a discussion started in regard to the assessment and collection of taxes for educational purposes. An instance has been given of where one man was never notified of the taxes being due and yet found out that his title was liable to forfeiture for non-payment of taxes."

Any discussion or information relating to this question will be very acceptable.

### Well Boring Outfits

From Blackfoot Union, No. 76:—

"We would like to have an opinion upon the question of subsidizing well boring outfits, to enable farmers to procure water."

## UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA

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From Kipp Union, No. 181:—

"Resolved that the General Secretary ask the different Locals to petition the Dominion government to set aside in the general estimates money enough to take the levels to find out how much water can be put on the different districts requiring water for domestic purposes and the cost of same, also to advance eighty-five per cent. of the money to build the ditches on a forty year payment plan."

### Pork Packing Proposition

Some time ago petitions regarding the proposed co-operative plant were sent out for signatures. Not many have yet been returned and I would ask that all who have any signed lists will kindly return them some time within the next month.

Red Willow Union has forwarded the following resolution dealing with the subject:—

"Whereas we deem the plan for the government pork packing plant as outlined is unfair to the farmer in that the farmer is asked to contract his product to the plant regardless of the price he might obtain elsewhere, the only guarantee the farmer has is a \$2.00 fine for each hog he fails to sell to the plant; and

Whereas under the plan proposed there is danger in time of its control being centred in a few hands thereby defeating the purpose for which it is intended; and

Whereas the wide spread between hogs on foot and the finished product shows the need of such a plant being run in the interest of the whole people;

Therefore be it resolved that we are in favor of the government owning and operating a packing plant in such a manner as to avoid any possibility of its ever drifting into private hands, such plant to include the packing and handling of all meat products. The government to pay a living price to the producer and to sell at cost to the consumer, thereby benefiting all the people."

When considering this resolution I would ask you to again consider the special circular dealing with this subject which was sent out last spring.

### The Guide

You will have no doubt noticed the special offer which is now being made to secure more subscribers to our official organ, The Grain Growers' Guide. If you can be of any assistance in boosting the circulation of this important paper we shall be pleased to have you do so.

### General

With the annual convention in sight it is necessary for us to think of the returns to the General Office. Have you made yours yet? If not, kindly let us have them at your convenience as it will simplify the work a great deal if we can get as much as possible done before the last month. There is always a big rush at that time and we would like to avoid it as much as possible.

There is still a good supply of annual reports and constitutions on hand. Any member or secretary desiring same can secure a full supply on request to the General Office.

Several other matters of importance will be dealt with in the near future and some of them will probably take the shape of special circulars at an early date.

The Estray Bulletin for September is enclosed herewith. Several expressions of opinion, that the bulletin is doing good work, have been received.

Any further questions for consideration by the Unions will be acceptable.

### Your obedient servant,

EDWARD J. FREAM,

Secretary.

Calgary, Alta., Sept. 21, 1911.



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### CELEBRATE SUFFRAGE VICTORY

Dear Margaret—I see that many of the "Home" Readers take an interest in women's suffrage. Perhaps not all of them are aware that in California on October 10, the men of that state will vote on that great issue. The victory of the California women is thought to be certain and I wondered if any of our "Home" sisters had thought of celebrating in any way if our California sisters won. They are certainly making great efforts to gain their end and seem to be loyally supported by the principal men of the state. The victory of the Washington women last year seems to have stimulated them to fresh effort. I propose, Madam Editor, that all "Home" readers sympathizing with our California sisters show their interest, if a victory is won, by holding some gathering or other, suffrage tea, public meeting, or if they cannot do that send post cards of congratulation. It would be interesting I think to have in the "Home" columns an account of any such meetings if they be held.

LINDA MERRILL.  
Asst. Prov. Suff. Supt. W.C.T.U.  
Ninga, Man.

### RULES FOR WORKERS of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild

1. Workers are cautioned against recognizing anyone as agent of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild who cannot produce a written authority.

2. Workers must notify the manager of our Handicrafts Shop before sending in work, that they may be advised as to the most desirable kinds of work to send.

3. Workers must unite and send in work together from the same neighborhood as far as possible, otherwise Canadian Handicrafts Guild will not pay freight charges.

4. Work must be sent in canvas sacks as far as consistent with safety, not in wooden boxes.

5. The name and address must be written in full on each individual piece of work sent in, otherwise the Canadian Handicrafts Guild will not be held responsible for it.

6. Work not up to the standard of the Canadian Handicrafts Guild, whether in workmanship or color, will be returned at once at the worker's expense.

7. The Canadian Handicrafts Guild usually holds goods on consignment for one year only. If, at the expiration of that time, they are not sold, they may be returned to the worker.

8. If any worker desires goods returned before the end of the year, such worker must pay the return charges.

9. Immediately on the arrival of a consignment a receipt will be sent to each consignor. This receipt for goods must be held by the consignor, to be presented on demand.

10. Payments will be made at the end of each month for current sales. Orders will be paid for on receipt of goods.

11. The Canadian Handicrafts Guild will accept only natural dyes.

12. The Canadian Handicrafts Guild makes no charge for keeping goods on consignment.

There is a good sale for all kinds of

good hand-woven work, such as portieres, couch throws, rag carpets and homespun cloths. There is quick sale for fine and firm close patterned crochet and embroidery. Articles must be artistic and strictly home made.

### THE PERMANENT CHILD

By Charlotte Perkins Gilman

I sat watching my baby, my little child, who was asleep—a year old child, fair and strong; and it did not seem a day since he was a tiny red creature, helpless and faintly groping.

AS I LOOKED and loved, I thought how it would not seem another day till he was a sturdy boy, a tall youth, a grown man, and I should lose my baby forever.

THEN I THOUGHT of all the other mothers whose babies were flying from them by day and night—growing up and pushing away; of how we loved our babies and could not keep them even if we would. And I seem to see the millions of babies of mankind all over the earth—black and white and yellow and brown, well loved little ones of a million mothers—breaking into life-like bubbles; blossoming, sprouting, coming into being everywhere, every hour, every minute, every second—this budding glory of babyhood—all over the earth; human life springing up in babies, like the spring grass. And they fled as fast as they came. The days flew by, the weeks, the months, the years, and the babies lived and grew like a transformation scene; taking new shape, becoming boys and girls, men and women.

AND WHILE I watched this million-fold swift flutter of unceasing change, suddenly something happened to it. The million and million seemed to coalesce and become one—one child; and the swift flutter of change grew vague and faint around it, so that altogether there was a soft uncertainty around the child and a half visible smoke of growing forms around it, yet that small dimpled shape remained, a little uncertain as to outline as in a composite photograph, but steady and changeless as to the eyes—the clear, deep, searching eyes of a child.

MY WHOLE HEART yearned to him; something rose and swelled within me, deeper, stronger, wider than anything I have ever felt before. I loved him as I had never loved my own, as I had never known that I could love. And suddenly I felt that I too had changed, and that I was now not only a mother, but "the mother," and I saw what it was I loved; it was the child. And I longed to feed and guard and shelter and serve that child, as might a million mothers make into one, with all the sweet helplessness, all the glorious promise of a million children made one for her to love.

THEN AS I WATCHED those deep child eyes, as my heart swelled and ached with that great love, I saw—I felt—I knew—what had been borne, and still was born by this, the child in human history. I saw the savage father and the savage mother caring for the children the best they knew, with all the torture and distortion, all the cruel initiations, all the black, blind superstitions of those old times, to the crowning horror of infant sacrifice when the child went through the fire to Moloch—for his parent's sins—the living, loving, helpless child, sacrificed by his parents! I saw the bent skull of the Flathead Indian child, the crippled feet of the Chinese girl child, and age-long, hideous life and death of the child-wife and the child-widow of Hindooostan. I saw the child in Sparta, the child in Rome, the child of the dark ages, the child scourged, imprisoned, starved, its mind filled with all manner of black falsehoods, its body misunderstood and maltreated; and my heart ached, and I cried out, "Were there no mothers for those children?"

AND THEN I SAW behind the child, the mother visible—the vague, composite, mighty form of a million mothers made as one; but her heart was my heart to feel and know.

I SAID TO HER, aching for her, full of awful blame, "Could you not have saved the child from this?"

And she wrung her hands. "I loved my child," she said.

"Loved? Loved?" I cried. "Could Love allow this? Could Love not guard and feed? Could Love not teach and save?"

"Alas, no!" she said. "I gave Love; it was all I had. I had neither knowledge nor freedom nor wisdom nor power; I could not guard or feed or teach or save. But I could Love and I could serve—and I could suffer."

AND THE EYES of the child, steady,

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Last Sailing from St. Lawrence

clear, deep, as all Time, were on me; and I felt his pain.

THEN THE MOVING SCREEN of the past was moved away, and the present spread and widened before me till I saw the whole wide earth in all its starlit glory and sunlit joy—and everywhere the child; also everywhere the mother—still loving, still serving, still suffering, still without knowledge or wisdom or freedom or power, still unable to guard or feed or teach or save.

DISEASE PREYED upon the child. Poverty preyed upon the child. Labor preyed upon the child. And I cried out to the mother—that mighty figure I saw dimly there behind the child—to save the child. But there only replied the faint piping voices of a million mothers, isolated and alone, each sorrowing for one heartfull—for one child—and sorrowing in vain.

"My child is dead," said one, and wept.

"Mine is a cripple!" said another, and wept.

"Mine is stunted by the mill work," said another, and wept.

"Mine is ignorant and grows vicious because of our poverty and the vileness wherein we must live," said another and wept.

AND I CRIED to them again. "But you are millions upon millions, and you are mothers. And you can have today if you will but take it, wisdom, and freedom and knowledge and power, and you can feed and teach and guard and save."

BUT THE GREAT picture faded and flew away. They disappeared and first left the flickering flight of a million babies like the leaves of a forest, and then but one—my child—asleep before me. The vague and mighty figure of the mother disappeared, leaving at first the sad-eyed faces of a million mothers—loving, serving, and suffering—and then nothing but myself and my child.

AND IN MY HEART remained an emptiness that nothing could fill. I caught my baby to my heart; but he was not enough; I had seen and I had loved the child, the baby world.

"OH, CHILD OF MINE," I cried. "I will love and serve you, and I will feed and serve, and teach and save; but that is not enough. You are but one, O child of mine, and there are millions and millions. There were, there are, and there will be. It is a stream, a torrent. It is everlasting. Babyhood, human babyhood—and not yet motherhood to meet its needs."

NO SAVAGE MOTHER is enough. No slavish mother is enough. No narrow, selfish mother is enough. No pitiful offered sacrifice of one mother's life is enough.

THE CHILD does not need sacrifice. It needs wisdom, and freedom, and knowledge and power. It needs social motherhood—the conscious, united mother love and mother care of the whole world.—"The Forerunner."

### THE RIGHT WAY OF THINKING

Here is the secret of well-being, the solution of most problems, to think only

good thoughts and to give our children, from the earliest stages, the best, purest and brightest ideas of everything in life.

The power of thought in shaping our lives cannot be over estimated in my idea. The power of the mother thought in forming the perfect body and the perfect mind, will be one of the main articles of the twentieth century creed, which is, and will be, taught to a much greater extent than we can believe at present. Everywhere on all sides there is a persistent cry of knowledge to fit our women and girls for the main duties of life, that of wife and mother. It must be conceded by all right thinking people that a woman or girl that has been taught the proper care of their beautiful bodies, given by God, with a clear conception of the higher duties of life, must make a better wife and also a better mother than those who look upon married life as a means of greater freedom and an easy time.

Remember, if you are ill you should look within and find the real cause before putting plasters on the outside. The plaster may not have sufficient strength to draw out the deep-down little rankling thought of error, which is at the root of the trouble.

### A POSTPONED TRAGEDY

"You have appendicitis," said the doctor man to Jim,  
"And I must operate at once, or else your chance is slim."

"You shall not touch a knife to me," was James' firm reply,  
"I'll have no operation, and I ain't a-going to die."

"Unless I cut," the doctor said, "you'll surely pass away;  
You will be dead, believe me, sir, by two o'clock today."

So Jim was scared and yielded. The carving was a shock, But Jim was very thankful that he lived at two o'clock;

For doctors know their business, and it's very plain to see  
That this one saved Jim's life—because he didn't die till three

—Boston Traveller.

### TO EXTRACT A SLIVER

When a splinter has been driven deep into the hand, it can be extracted painlessly by steam. Nearly fill a wide-mouthed bottle with hot water and place the injured part over the mouth of the bottle, pressing tightly. The suction will draw the flesh down and in a minute or two the steam will extricate the splinter and the inflammation disappear.

### WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

Take 3 cups of whole wheat flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, 2 teaspoons cream of tartar. Mix stiff with sweet milk, bake half an hour. This is an excellent cure for constipation.

# "Young Folks Circle"

During this coming winter we are going to have a corner of The Guide for our young folks for their very own. Into this corner the older folks will not be allowed to come. In this corner our boys and girls are going to meet with each other and have a real good time. They may never see each other but they will enjoy writing letters not only to this page but to each other. We will tell each other about our school, about our home, our holidays, our pleasures and our friends. Then every week when The Guide comes and father and mother have finished reading it we will sit down and read what our friends are doing. We are going to talk about the things we are doing now and the things we hope to do when we grow up. We can help each other to be better boys and girls and tell stories that will make each other feel a lot better. We are going to start off with a letter on "When I grow up." We want to know what our boys and girls under 15 years of age are planning for the future. Are they going to be farmers and try to make the farm life the most pleasant in the world. Are they going to be lawyers, doctors or storekeepers, dressmakers, milliners, teachers or something else? What are they going to try to do to make the world better and happier? Tell us what you want to do and how you are trying to do it. Every boy and girl likes to know what other boys and girls are going to do. Here are some of the very best books that boys and girls ever read. They are interesting stories of other boys and girls and of horses and dogs.

Black Beauty—a talking horse.

Beautiful Joe—a talking dog.

Little Lord Fauntleroy.

Robinson Crusoe.

Swiss Family Robinson.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Gulliver's Travels.

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.

For the best letter we get from a boy entitled "When I Grow Up" we will give any three of these books he selects as a prize. For the second best we will give any two books and for the third best one book. For the best letter on the same subject from a girl we will let her choose any three of these books; for the second best two books and for the third best one book. Here are six prizes for our boys and girls. Don't make your letters more than 200 words long nor less than 150 words. You must write them and mail them to us not later than November 1st. Address your letters, "Young Folks Corner, The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg."

#### THE GIRL WHO SMILES

The wind was east and the chimney smoked,

And the old brown house seemed dreary, For nobody smiled and nobody joked, The young folks grumbled, the old folks croaked,

They had come home chilled and weary.

Then opened the door and a girl came in; Oh, she was homely—very;

Her nose was pug and her cheek was thin, There wasn't a dimple from brow to chin, But her smile was bright and cheery.

She spoke not a word of the cold and damp, Nor yet of the gloom about her, But she mended the fire, and lighted the lamp,

And she put on the place a different stamp From what it had without her.

They forgot that the house was a dull old place,

And smoky from base to rafter, And the gloom departed from every face, And they felt the charm of her mirthful grace,

And the cheer of her happy laughter.

Oh, give me the girl that will smile and sing,

And make all glad together! To be plain or fair is a lesser thing, But a kind unselfish heart can bring Good cheer in the darkest weather.

From the New England Poultry Journal.

**A PLAY GROUND QUARREL**  
"I don't want to play that old game. Come on, Rosie," called little Mae to her chum.

The two little girls walked away with their arms around each other.

"I've got a secret! Now don't you tell. Mama is going to do my hair up on rags tonight so I'll have pretty curls tomorrow," whispered Mae, confidentially.

"Huh, I guess I can have 'em, too. Mine don't need any old rags. Curls without it," scornfully said Rosie removing her arm from Mae's shoulder.

"Your hair curl! Won't you look beautiful with that old red stuff stringing?"

"It isn't red, and it won't string half so much as your old black mop," screamed Rosie.

"Sorreltop! Sorreltop!" screamed Mae, dancing excitedly up and down before Rosie.

"Old black crow! Old black crow!" retorted Mae, jumping in an equally excited manner.

In their wild skipping neither little girl noticed a nearby mud puddle. Rosie skipped once too often. Her feet slipped, and down she sat in the mud, which so frightened her that she immediately began to cry.

"Oh, Rosie! are you hurt? Let me help you," said Mae, forgetting the sorreltop part of it.

"An' my dress w-was so n-nice and c-clean," wailed Rosie.

"I'll take you right home. You will catch your death of cold," said Mae, with a motherly air.

She placed an arm about the sobbing form of poor mud-bedaubed Rosie and both little girls forgot their quarrel in the exciting question of, "What will Mama say?"

But Mama had been a little girl once and understood. She thought this experience would teach these little girls that few quarrels ever have a happy ending.

#### CURIOS

There are many different kinds of coins and stamps in the world. I have a few old and rare coins. The one I prize most is a half dime dated 1857. It is a great deal smaller than ordinary dimes, and on the front is a "liberty" with a banner. Thirteen stars surround her. At her feet is the date 1857. On the back is a wreath surrounded by the words, "United States of America," and inside the wreath in plain letters is "half dime."

I have half a dozen Lincoln pennies with the initials V.D.B. on the back.

The front of the three cent pieces has a liberty head on it. In the crown in Roman letters is the numbers 1776. Under the head is the date 1865. Surrounding the head is the words, "United States of America." On the back are three large I's, surrounded by a wreath.

A couple of nickels with fives on their faces surrounded by stars and the United States arms on the back come next.

Then a Chinese coin with a square hole in the centre and marks all over it.

Then a Filipinos centavo about the size of a quarter, and a half centavo a little smaller than a penny.

Then an Espano or Spanish coin worth 100 piezas, and dated 1870.

Also two Columbia half dollars.—Con.

#### SAVING SAMPLES OF DRESSES

Girls, I read not long ago of a plan of saving a piece of each kind of dress one has. I found some scraps of the dresses I had had from several years back, and as I remembered how they were made, they were used. This is the way I saved them: I cut small squares of the goods, and if I had any of the trimming left I used that, too, cutting off small pieces of each kind. Then I pasted the sample and the trimming that went with it, on one page of a new composition book, and gave a description of the way it was made, and where I first wore it. I gave the year and month, if I could remember it, that it was made, and by whom it was made.

I have sixteen samples so far, and if I can I shall paste in samples of every new

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dress I get from now on, until the book is full. This book will be very interesting to me in years to come, as it will recall forgotten incidents to my mind, when I see the dress that I wore to Eva's birthday party, for instance; or the one I wore when I taught my first term of school!—M.H.C., age 15, Sask.

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## OBJECTS:

To feed and clothe some hungry child.  
To gratify the wish of some invalid.  
To give a day of joy at the Toy Mission.

My dear Sunshine Chicks:—I know you will all be delighted to hear, that the children will soon have a whole page for themselves. But remember you are to write stories and poetry and draw pictures to make it very interesting and truly and really our very own. You will remember the "Sunshine Zoo" which was started for our pets to take an interest in Sunshine, well, I think we must find a corner for it again. Nellie Sunshine, a collie, wrote to me, telling her sad story and I will let her tell you all about it next week. The Sunshine work will now start in earnest and I want to hear from each boy and girl just what work they can do. Remember Home Sunshine first.

## The Children's Motto:

We're a band of happy workers,  
Our hearts with love aglow;  
We're pledged to scatter Sunshine  
Wherever we may go.

GOD BLESS your loving hearts and willing hands and if you cannot even give one cent, keep wishing and thinking all the lovely thoughts, for the best success of Sunshine and your thoughts will bear fruit.

"MARGARET."

## WHERE TO SEND SUNSHINE

Letters and postcards

Willie Clene Bartlett Terry, St. James, Winnipeg, Man. Walter McMillan, 294 Beacon St., Winnipeg. This dear lad is a great invalid and would be glad of letters, etc., from my chicks.

## LAUNCHING THE SHIPS

Three little ships went sailing  
Over the ocean blue;  
Three little sailors watched them—  
Theodore, Fred and Lou;

Watched them go bravely sailing  
Out on the ebbing tide;  
Tiny, white sails unfurling,  
Over the waves they ride!

"What was your vessel's cargo?"  
Theodore questioned Lou;  
"I loaded mine with apples—  
Fine, juicy, red ones, too!"

"Mine took a load of candy—  
(That's what I love the most!)—  
Some little boy may find her,  
Way on some foreign coast!"

Fred was the last and youngest,  
"What was your cargo, Fred?"  
Questioned the merry children,  
"Something quite odd," they said.

Three little ships went sailing  
Out from the peaceful shore;  
One, steering straight for England,  
Never was heard from more!

One tiny vessel foundered  
Under a threatening wave!  
Happily for her owners,  
There was no crew to save!

Fred's little, white-winged vessel,  
Borne on the rising tide,  
Came, with its load of Sunshine,  
Back to its owner's side!

Fred's tiny boat may teach us  
One little lesson true:  
Sweet, loving deeds, like sunbeams,  
Always come back to you!

Brave little ships, when sailing  
Forth on life's widening sea,  
Kindness, and love, and Sunshine  
Ever your cargo be!

—Elizabeth G. H. Atwood.

## THE GRAIN GROWERS' GUIDE

## THE SUNSHINE CIRCLE

Wherever Sunshine has entered a community and really taken hold of the hearts of the people, it has left its indelible stamp, in some well organized form of helpfulness, of practical benefit to the community at large.

These established works of Sunshine have taken up every kind of philanthropic work, that others of the community had overlooked, and Sunshine has come in to fill that long felt want, in that very kind of good cheer that has been needed.

The Sunshine Circle is just as necessary to our Western towns as they are in Winnipeg. There are no towns in the West where someone in need of comfort cannot be found. Do not make the mistake of starting a Sunshine Circle and looking for the poor, for we do not use the word poor in Sunshine work. This society is founded on the love of God, and the universal brotherhood of mankind, and therefore we are all brothers and sisters. In every town where a centre has been formed it is truly surprising the number of calls that will be received, as soon as it is known that a branch of Sunshine Work has been established.

Papers and magazines, knitted mitts, stockings, ear-caps, etc., are made and packed out to the mining camps, which are a great help to these poor boys. There are the missionaries in the far north, glad to receive anything and everything for their needy people. There is no end of the work that can be done in these circles. The joy of ministering to these lonely people will more than repay you.

If you know someone who is sick, stop ten minutes and go in and see them. If there are any blind people in your neighborhood, try and lend them your eyes. Perhaps you could be the means of buying a wheel chair for someone who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

Three people can form a Sunshine Circle, President, Vice-President and Sec.-Treasurer is all that you need.



CHILDREN'S BADGE - FIVE CENTS  
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Scholarships may be founded and some bright boy or girl can be sent to college, who otherwise would not be able to go. I would also like to see Sunshine Libraries established in each circle. There are so many books and papers that would be useful, if placed on the Sunshine Rest Room shelf, or a room that women coming in from the country, could go into and rest, which would be a great boon to the women of the West. There is no place in these smaller towns, and I feel sure that if these rooms could be established, the women would greatly appreciate them.

I am particularly anxious to interest the children in the Sunshine work, especially in the branch of work which teaches the kindness to animals and to their little friends. It is a far cry, from kindness to animals, to kindness to the human species, but the boy or girl who is trained not to give pain, will, when he grows up, be equally kind to the weak children and the old people. There is no doubt that the children help to scatter the Sunshine. You will all have read through these pages of the way the children worked last winter, and I hope indeed that you will all assist in making this a bountiful harvest to our fellow creatures, not so well placed in the world as ourselves.

In Sunshine or Shade.

MARGARET.

TO THE SUNSHINE READERS IN OR  
NEAR ISLAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley, in a write-up in the Grain Growers' Guide, is asking for help for the first Cottage Hospital, in Alberta. There is one point that particularly appeals to me "that this hospital will be chiefly for maternity cases." Here would be a magnificent opportunity for our men and women to come together and form a Sunshine Circle. The men could provide material for sheets, pillow cases, towels and various other things for the equipment of this work. The women of this circle, could cut out and make up to

the best advantage the material provided. My dear little chicks could put together and make up cheese cloth handkerchiefs, and bandages and pads made of cheese cloth and cotton batting. One thing I feel sure would give great encouragement to those who are earnestly trying to establish this venture, is to realize that men and women with loving hearts and ready hands will work for them, to make this First Cottage Hospital, a tremendous success.

I commend this Hospital to your tender love and am sure that some of the Sunshine Circles will rally round to help this work.

MARGARET.

## Margaret's Letter Box

Dear Margaret:—I take great interest in the Sunshine Guild and am sending one dollar for Sunshine work, just for what it is most needed. Yours is surely a blessed work. I wish I could help a hundred fold more.

A SINCERE FRIEND.  
Hanley, Sask.

Dear Friend (sincere):—Many thanks for one dollar sent in. Your wishes are indeed a joy to me. The secret of my success has been in giving everything to my needy ones with the wish that it might be multiplied and I have never known it to fail.

Dear Margaret:—This is my second letter to your club. I am telling you that it is over one month since you said you would send my button and membership card. I have not received it yet. I came from England to Canada on April 1 arriving on April 10. I like Canada very much better than England. I think I will close hoping to receive my button.

JOHN CARTMAN.

Learys, Man.

Dear Boy:—Many thanks for letter. We are out of membership cards for a few days. I will forward button and card as soon as I receive them from the printer. Glad you like Canada. I am sure it will do you good to be out on the farm.

Dear Margaret:—Please send Toy Mission Card. My birthday is on New Year's day. I will be fifteen years old. I remain yours lovingly,

GRACE McNEILL.

Valparaiso, Sask.

Dear Grace:—Hearty welcome to our Guild. You are a dear to promise to help the Toy Mission. We will have a very large number to care for this winter.

Dear Margaret:—I am a little girl seven years old and would like to join your club and am sending ten cents for a badge.

GLADYS DUNCAN.  
Hanley, Sask.

Dear Gladys:—Hearty welcome to our Sunshine Guild. Card and badge will be forwarded at an early date.

L.C.S.:—I cordially agree with your idea. A mother's box in which each member of the family could put in something to be spent for "Mother" exactly as she wishes. But, dear, though you say mother's work is never done, she does not work for reward except love's reward. God bless all mothers who are homemakers.

Dear Margaret:—This is the second time I have written to your Sunshine Guild. I was very pleased to receive the button. I have a parcel all ready to send to you but have lost the address. Would it be all right to address it to the Grain Growers' Sunshine Guild, Winnipeg? My little sister and I cut some pictures out of catalogues and magazines and pasted them on cardboard to make them stiff. Some of them are wild animals and some of them are people. I made a couple of picture books but I did not think they were good enough to send. I made the backs out of cardboard and pasted brown paper sheets in them. Then I cut out some funny pictures and pasted them in. Well, I will close now wishing you every success.

KATIE SANDERSON.  
Holland, Man.

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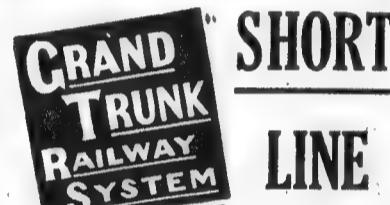
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Dear Margaret:—You must think I have forgotten all about you. You sent Walter a nice little book and you asked him for our number and I did not know where to answer to for there was no address on it so I took Walter for a ride to see if I could find you but I could not. I wanted to tell you all about the Children's Hospital and to let you see him. He is getting so big but he is just as helpless. I myself am not very well and my husband is in the hospital again with his ears, but I suppose something will turn up for me some day. Well, dear Margaret, will you let me know where to come to find you and if you had any little articles that would do for my lads, I would be very thankful for them. Trusting in providence yours very truly.

A WINNIPEG SUNSHINER.

This dear friend has indeed known sorrow. Our dear lad has been a cripple for a number of years and yet he is so patient always. I would be glad of boy's clothing ages 2 to 8 years.

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## News from Ottawa

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each been elected for two constituencies are almost certain to be succeeded by Roman Catholics. The Methodists and Presbyterians are a tie with 46 each, whilst the Church of England has 45 adherents. There are five Baptists, 3 Lutherans, 2 Congregationalists, and one Quaker.

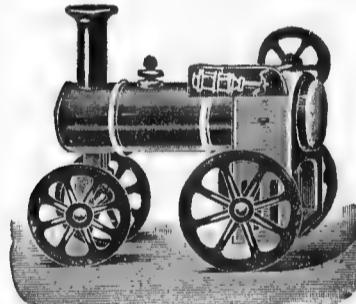
## Letting Contracts

There has been some criticism of the defeated government in awarding certain contracts, for which tenders had been called and received, before the people gave their verdict at the polls on September 21. One of the most important of these was the contract for the Grand Trunk Pacific terminal depot at Quebec. It has been freely declared in the Conservative press that there was graft in these contracts, but the ministers responsible deny this and point out that the Conservatives who will have a majority in the house are at liberty to make full inquiry into them. They assert that the money having been approved and voted by Parliament, and the works approved, it was in the best interests of the country to close up these business affairs, leaving the incoming ministers with no back work with which they would not be familiar. The letting of the Quebec contract to the firm which put in the lowest tender, the retired ministers declare, was but the finishing up of a business matter which has engaged the attention of the government for four years, and the various steps of which have been approved by the transportation and other business interests of the ancient capital. The re-opening of the matter by a new government, they say, would involve delay, and if the best interests of the public were served there would not be sufficient variation in the ultimate result to justify such delay. Nevertheless the incoming ministry will probably not be satisfied, and all contracts awarded subsequent to the date of the election will no doubt be made the subject of inquiry before the Public Accounts Committee.

## No Appointments Filled

When the Tupper government was beaten in 1896 the retiring ministry

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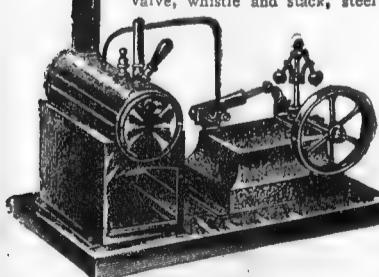
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the Government House provided by one of the city regiments, the Governor General's Foot Guards, but the idea has been abandoned and the guard will be supplied as in the past by the Dominion Police. The disinclination of the Duke to put on extra frills will no doubt be pleasing to the majority of the Canadian people, if not to those who shine in society's four hundred.

#### NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED

At midnight on October 9, Hon. R. L. Borden completed his task of cabinet making and presented his slate at once to Earl Grey, who approved of it. The new ministers will be sworn in today. The cabinet is as follows:

Premier, Hon. R. L. Borden.

Minister of Agriculture, Martin Burrell, M.P. for Yale-Cariboo, B.C.

Minister of Customs, Dr. J. D. Reid, M.P. for Grenville, Ont.

Minister of Finance, W. T. White, a private citizen of Toronto.

Minister of Inland Revenue, W. B. Mantel, K.C., M.P. for Terrebonne, Quebec.

Minister of Interior, Hon. Robt. Rogers, Minister of Public Works in Manitoba.

Minister of Justice, Ex-Judge Doherty, M.P. for Montreal (St. Anne).

Minister of Labor, T. W. Crothers, M.P. for West Elgin, Ont.

Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon.

J. D. Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick.  
Minister of Militia, Col. Sam Hughes, M.P. for Victoria, Ont.  
Minister of Public Works, F. D. Monk, M.P. for Jacques Cartier, Quebec.  
Minister of Railways and Canals, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Mines in Ontario.  
Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. George E. Foster, M.P. for Toronto North.  
Postmaster General, L. P. Pelletier, M.P. for Quebec County, Quebec.  
Secretary of State, Dr. W. J. Roche, M.P. for Marquette, Manitoba.

In addition to the above the following are members of the government without portfolio: A. E. Kemp, M.P. for Toronto East; George H. Perley, M.P. for Argenteuil, Quebec and Senator Lougheed, of Calgary.

#### GRAIN SMUGGLING

An extensive and systematic plot for smuggling grain from Canada to the United States is alleged to have been unearthed by George W. Foulkes, of St. Paul, government agent in charge of the United States customs in the Northwest.

It was during the search for the Mona Lisa, the famous painting stolen from Paris, and which it was rumored was about to be smuggled into the United States through the northwestern states of Canada, that the plot to smuggle grain was uncovered.

Two arrests have been made at Norma, N.D., Walter Jacobson, a wheat buyer for the Atlantic Grain company, and A. J. McGuire, a farmer, being in the toils. Confessions from at least a dozen men, it is alleged, have been gained by Agent Foulkes. One of the men arrested has admitted his guilt, the plea having been made a matter of record before a United States commission at Mohall, N.D. They are both bound over to the federal grand jury and both furnished bonds for their appearance and were released.

The nature of the confessions which it is understood have been secured have not been made public, nor will they unless there are further developments.

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#### WANTED RECIPROCITY

E. Maunsell, a large stock rancher of the Macleod district, last week concluded the sale of 2,500 head of prime beef cattle to P. Burns & Co., of Calgary. Mr. Maunsell would not state the price he received for his stock but stated that he received \$21,000 less than he would have if the reciprocity agreement with the United States had been passed, and he considered that he was out just that amount through its defeat. "I would not have required to ship the cattle to Chicago to have received the increased price, either," he said. "I would have got it right here in Calgary."

#### BAD PRAIRIE FIRE

A disastrous prairie and stubble fire swept over part of the country in the vicinity of Aberdeen, Sask., on Friday

last, burning everything before it. The heaviest loser was T. G. Moore, who it is reported, lost about 50 acres of crop and all his buildings. The fire is supposed to have started from a cigar stub.

#### CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Three young children of Alexander Lachance, of St. Fereel, in the county of Montmorency, a mountain village some miles inland from La Bonne Ste. Anne, Quebec, have been burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home. The little ones were left alone in the house, and it is supposed that one of them started a fire while playing with matches.

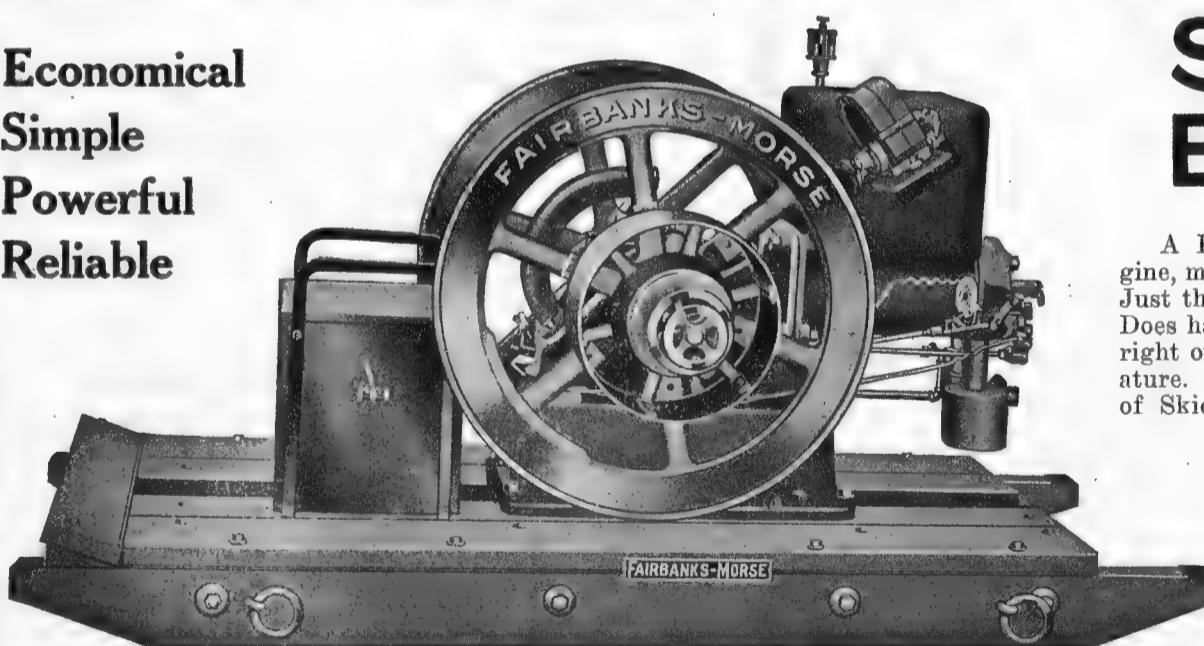
#### FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Captain Machin, M.P.P., of Kenora, has asked that he be placed on record as an advocate of votes for women.

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# GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, October 9)

Wheat.—During the past week our wheat has been in real good demand, being urgently wanted to fill space, with the result that exporters have had to pay fancy premiums on grain, which they had expected long ago to have been plentiful by the first week in October, but which, owing to the wet weather, was far from pressing on the market.

We anticipate the spreads will widen now under the October option, but still good prices will rule for the immediate future, as the shortage will be by no means made up. Terminal stocks posted this morning are almost three million bushels less than one year ago. The Standards Board will meet in about two weeks' time now, and new standards will be set for the coming year's crop. Much tough grain is coming ahead, but we are hopeful the shipments of this will let up now that better weather has come. Altogether, our farmers should exercise every possible way in saving their grain. Farmers, by exercising care in setting up their shocks after the rain, or in moving grain from the north side to the south side of the shock, will frequently save a grade in the whole lot, and make their labor well worth while. There will be now doubtless much sprouted grain and bleached grain. Do not mix well saved grain with grain which is at all inclined to be tough, as we have recently observed some farmers doing, as the result is usually disastrous and disappointing. It would seem that low grades of wheat should be marketed first, as prices for the commercial grades will doubtless decline.

Farmers whose grain has graded damp, must not be disappointed if sales of it cannot be made while it is en route, as until such grain is actually unloaded, the grade is in doubt, and such grain may have to be dried at terminals.

Oats.—The oat market has declined a little after a number of fluctuations, when the shorts were pinched during the bad weather, but they are now a little lower, and we think that farmers having oats out and in shape for sale, should take advantage of these good prices.

Barley.—Barley has been in poor demand, except any good malting barley. However, we think our farmers need not worry about the barley situation if they can save what they have in shock, and as the barley crop this year is going to bring a big price, it will pay farmers well to clean their own barley, which may be infested with wild oats, if the barley itself is clean and bright, and by cleaning, a grade of No. 3 could be obtained.

Flax.—New flax is in very good demand, but there is little moving yet.

## WINNIPEG FUTURES

## Wheat

Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.05
Oct. 4	98½	97½	100½	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car to go out	1.07
Oct. 5	98½	98	100½	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars, elevator	1.06½
Oct. 6	99	98½	96	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.06
Oct. 7	98½	97½	95	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, frosted	1.03
Oct. 9	97½	96	94	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.05
Oct. 10	98½	97½	100½	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car to arr.	1.06
<b>Oats</b>					
Oct. 4	43	39½	...	No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.01
Oct. 5	43½	39	43	No. 3 wheat, 10 cars	1.02
Oct. 6	43½	39½	43	No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	1.02
Oct. 7	42½	39½	42	No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1.02
Oct. 9	42½	39	42½	No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1.03
Oct. 10	42½	39½	42½	No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.04
<b>Flax</b>					
Oct. 4	222	...	...	No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	1.01
Oct. 5	222	...	...	No. 3 wheat, 7 cars	1.02
Oct. 6	222	...	...	No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.02
Oct. 7	222	...	...	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.03
Oct. 9	222	...	...	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.03
Oct. 10	223½	...	...	No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.04

## MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, October 7)		\$1.08½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 7 cars		
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, old		1.09½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars		1.09
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars		1.08½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, old		1.09
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars		1.08½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1.09½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars		1.08½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,400 bus.		1.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu. to arr.		1.08½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2,800 bu. to arr.		1.08½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 8 cars		1.06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 8 cars		1.06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 12 cars		1.06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 12 cars		1.06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, sample		1.05
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, sample		1.05
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, tough		1.03½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 5 cars		1.06½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1.07½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car		1.07
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 11 cars		1.06½

## QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM &amp; PORT ARTHUR from OCT. 4 to OCT. 10, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT												OATS	BARLEY	FLAX									
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	Rej.	1 1	Rej.	1 2	Rej.	1 2	Rej.	1* Seeds	Rej. 2* Seeds	2 cwt.	3 cwt.	3	4	Rej.	Feed	1 NW 1 Man. Re	
Oct. 4	100	97	94	91½	85½	79½	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42½	40½	..	..	..	..	222	..
5	100	97½	94½	92½	85½	80½	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	40½	..	61	55	..	222	..
6	100	97½	95	92½	86	80	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	40½	72	61	55	..	222	..
7	99	96½	94	91½	85	79	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42½	40½	..	..	55	..	..	..
8	98½	96½	93½	91	84½	78½	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	40½	..	..	55	..	..	..
9	99½	96½	93½	91	84½	78½	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	40½	..	..	55	..	..	..
10	99½	96½	94	90½	84½	78½	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	40½	..	..	..	..	224	..

No grade wheat, 2 cars	97	Barley	55c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	93	No. 3	48c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.00	No. 4	34c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.02	Feed	55c.
No grade wheat, 1 car light	96	Butter	25c. to 35c.
No grade wheat, 1 car green frosted	85	Dairy	25c. to 35c.
No grade wheat, 1 car frosted	95	Eggs	30c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.02½	Per doz.	30c.
No grade wheat, 2 cars	85	Poultry	12½c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.02½	Chickens	12½c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	96	Fowls	11c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	98	Turkeys	18c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	95	Geese	12½c.
No grade wheat, 2 cars	98	Ducks	12½c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	97	Wild geese, each	75c. to \$1.25
No grade wheat, 1 car	97	Wild ducks, each	30c. to 35c.
No grade wheat, 1 car	98	Live Stock	
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.06	Veal calves	\$4.00 to \$5.75
No. 2 western wheat, 1 car	93	Sheep	4.50 " 5.00
No. 2 Hard Winter, 2 cars	1.05	Lambs	5.00 " 5.50
No. 2 Hard Winter, 1 car Montana	1.02	Wheat	
No. 2 Hard Winter, 1 car	1.06	No. 1 Nor.	80c.
No. 2 Durum wheat, 1 car	97	No. 2	77c.
No. 3 Durum wheat, 1 car	94	No. 3	73c.
Timothy, 9 sacks	14.50	No. 4	69c.
Timothy, 19 sacks	14.00	No. 5	60c.
No. 4 White Oats, 1 car	45½	No. 6	52c.
No. 3 oats, 1 car seedy	43	Rejected, No. 1	69c.
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	45	Rejected, No. 2	66c.
No. 3 Durum wheat, 1 car	95	Rejected, No. 3	63c.
No. 4 Durum wheat, 1 car	95	Feed	43c.
EDMONTON MARKETS			
(By Special Wire)			
Timothy	\$17.00 to \$19.00		
Upland	13.00 " 14.00		
Slough	10.00 " 11.00		
Potatoes			
Per bushel	25c. to 35c.		
Oats			
Best feed	28c. to 32c.		

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# Winnipeg Live Stock Country Produce

## Stockyard Receipts

(Week ending Oct. 7).

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R. ....	3419	472	1919
C. N. R. ....	1595	376	171
G. T. P. ....	449	28	18
Total last week .....	5463	876	2108
Total prev. week .....	4705	591	1689
Total year ago .....	8240	1069	1038

## Disposition

Exporters .....	1047
Butchers east .....	769
Feeders east .....	295
Feeders west .....	53
Consumed locally .....	2526

## Cattle

The big runs of cattle that some people were expecting have not come along yet, and the receipts are only half what they were at this time last year. A year ago the shipments to the east from the Winnipeg yards were equal to the total receipts at the present time. The comparatively small number of cattle being marketed at Winnipeg this fall is partly accounted for by the western demand, the growing cities of Alberta and Saskatchewan absorbing a considerable quantity of beef, while a lot is being bought in Alberta and shipped to British Columbia. Prices this fall are ranging from 25 to 50 cents a cwt. higher than a year ago the eastern and export markets which take our surplus being fairly well supplied. This week's prices are about even with last week, choice export steers fetching \$5.00 a cwt. with an occasional lot selling for \$5.25. Choice animals are not over plentiful, however, and on most days during the past week there has been nothing on the market worth over \$4.25. The veal calves offered have not been of a quality to bring the highest price, and there was a drop of 50 cents a cwt. compared with last week's figures.

## Hogs

There was a bigger supply of hogs on the market this week, but prices were firm with the top at \$8.50 for choice pigs weighing around 200 lbs. A big cut is being made on heavies and stags, and some sold as low as \$5.50 per cwt.

## Sheep and Lambs

The sheep market is still poor, the choicest lambs bringing \$6.50 while a lot of good sheep have been sold at \$4.50 a cwt.

**Butter**  
There has been a considerable falling off in the supply of butter, and prices have been raised. Dealers are now paying 23 cents for No. 1 dairy and 20 cents for good round lots.

## Milk and Cream

There is no change in milk and cream prices. The creameries are paying \$2.00 a hundred lbs. for milk, 25 cents per lb. of butter fat for sour cream and 30 cents for sweet.

## Eggs

Receipts of eggs from the country are getting smaller and a good deal of the trade in Winnipeg is being supplied from the south. Held stock are worth about 23½ cents, with a deduction for all eggs that will not pass the candling test. Fresh gathered eggs, from farmers with a reputation, are bringing five cents a dozen more.

## Potatoes

The price of potatoes is keeping up well, and dealers are paying 45 cents on cars at Winnipeg.

## Live Poultry

A large quantity of live poultry are being marketed in Winnipeg now at fairly good prices. Spring chickens are fetching 14 cents, ducks from 12 to 14 cents, fowls and roosters from 9 to 10½ cents, geese 12 cents, and turkeys 16 cents live weight.

Wild ducks are being bought at from 25 to 60 cents a pair according to size and quality.

## Hay

With fine weather hay is reaching the city in large quantities and prices are lower than last week: Timothy, \$14, and wild hay from \$7 to \$9 a ton on track at Winnipeg.

## CANADIAN VISIBLE

	Winnipeg, Oct 9.		
	Wheat	Oats	Barley
T'1 visible .....	5,454,857	2,845,660	398,214
Last week .....	4,094,212	3,632,175	358,551
Last year .....	9,077,333	7,529,227	748,951
Ft. William .....	2,352,250	280,942	126,202
Pt Arthur .....	1,930,250	272,945	220,795
Meaford .....	18,108	82,700	.....
Mid. Tiffin .....	119,867	432,500	.....
Owen Sd. ....	24,023	49,159	18,139
Goderich .....	76,609	399,963	.....
Sar. Pt. Ed. ....	9,594	149,928	.....
Pt. Colb'ne .....	407,380	18,813	.....
Kingston .....	6,955	56,000	1,200
Prescott .....	4,000	394,965	.....
Montreal .....	394,426	607,045	31,178
Quebec .....	1,350	50,700	700
Victoria Har. ....	110,045	50,000	.....
	Note.—At Tiffin 1,316,680 bushels of (U. S.) oats held in bond.		

## WORLD'S SHIPMENTS

Total shipments of wheat were 11,024,000, against 10,176,000 last week, and 16,952,000 last year. Comparison by countries was as follows:

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
America	4,696,000	3,922,000	2,752,000
Russia	1,336,000	1,288,000	7,264,000
Danube	2,248,000	2,303,000	4,200,000
India	592,000	424,000	450,000
Argentina	1,064,000	936,000	1,008,000
Australia	896,000	1,680,000	656,000
Aus.-Hun.	896,000	1,680,000	656,000
Others	192,000	135,000	8,000

Total 11,024,000 10,176,000 16,952,000

## TERMINAL STOCKS

Total wheat in store Fort William and Port Arthur on Oct. 6 was 4,282,538.30, as against 3,075,579.50 last week, and 7,170,975.20 last year. Total shipments were 2,122,622, last year 2,655,152.

Amount of each grade was:

	1911	1910
No. 1 Hard	5,429.40	25,162.20
No. 1 Nor.	378,717.10	926,554.30
No. 2 Nor.	1,293,918.50	2,289,471.40
No. 3 Nor.	1,000,754.40	2,827,610.40
No. 4	399,122.50	652,920.10
No. 5	162,495.10	153,806.50
Other grades	1,042,100.10	795,449.10

Totals 4,282,538.30 7,170,975.20

	Stocks of Oats
No. 1 C. W.	35,892.32
No. 2	298,924.04
No. 3 White	71,945.02
Other grades	147,648.19

Total 554,932.25 4,363,733.01

	Stocks of Barley	Flax
Stocks of Flax	34,380.00	34,380.00
Oats	Barley	Flax
Ship. this year	112,235	55,628
Ship. last year	285,387	24,998

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I heartily approve of the stand you are taking in the farmers' interests and doing my best to get the people in this locality to drop their party and support the candidates who will pledge themselves to support the farmers' interests.—James Clarke, Clarkleigh, Man.

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#### FIGHT FOR THE GUIDE

I got another subscriber for The Guide. This was a man out hunting horses. I am always putting in a good word for The Guide no matter where I happen to be. I am astonished that so many farmers do not take The Guide, but the only thing to do is to keep hammering away at them and perhaps before another election comes off we will

be able to send enough farmers to Ottawa to see us through. Borden got it in the neck up here. Aren't they putting up a great fight to hold us down, but I hope soon to see a change. I remain a fighter for our cause and The Guide.—Edward Hearn, Hearnleigh, Alta., July 11, '11.

#### SORRY FOR HIM

Please strike my name off your lists as I cannot support a paper that advocates reciprocity. I am, dear sir, yours truly, Wm. Waller, Binscarth, July 10, '11.

#### HE WILL MISS IT

I notice that my subscription runs out on July 26. I would say that you mark me off the list as I think I can get along without such dope as you have been giving me in the past. Wm. Alexander, Barons, Alta., July 24, '11.

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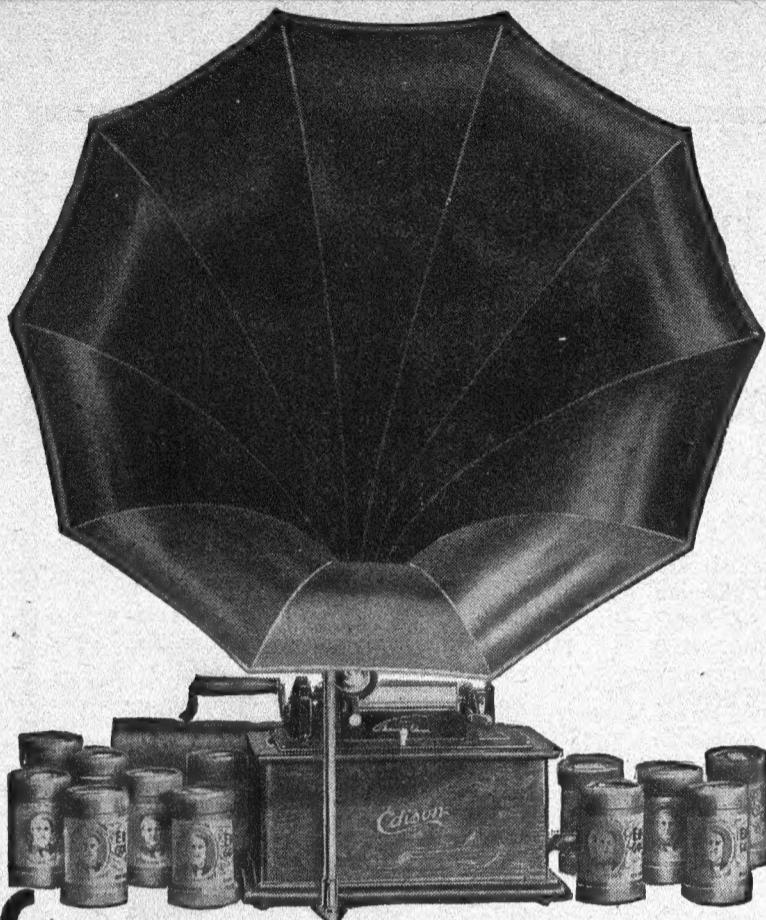
My subscription to your paper is paid up till February, but as I have no use for either the editor or his paper, so strongly in favor of reciprocity, you may stop the ——n thing now.—A. A. Livingston, Claresholm, Alta., July 11, '11.

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